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1844 - 1994

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1844-1994

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DEDICATION

The schools of Clatsop County were invited to help celebrate the Sesquicentennial of our county by participating in the creation of this very special student book.

We had an enthusiastic response from most schools of Clatsop County with over 600 submissions. The essays addressed one of the following ideas:

- *What my life in Clatsop County is like in 1994*
- *What life in Clatsop County will be like in 2044*
- *What my contribution will be to Clatsop County*

The artwork submitted revolved around the Sesquicentennial Theme of RIVER • LAND • OCEAN • HOME.

In preparing this student book, careful attention was given to reproducing the student's work as submitted, including spelling and grammar. Each school was responsible for selecting the entries to represent their school. We are grateful to the teachers and principals who supported this project with their time and energy.

This book is dedicated to the future citizens of Clatsop County in the year 2044. Many of the contributors to this book will be business owners, civic leaders, homeowners and grandparents (one may be president). May we, the citizens of 1994, leave a legacy of hope and peace that they will continue to enjoy the natural beauty of the RIVER • LAND • OCEAN • HOME we call home.

LaRee Johnson-Bruton

LaRee Johnson-Bruton, Editor
Chairperson of the
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CANNON BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Students:

Joe Oyala
Seth Williams
Tasha Reidlinger
Amber Evansen
Josh Rinker
Tami Keller
Alison Osburn
Trey Webb

Teacher: Sandy Yarmonchik

Principal: Doug Dougherty

Think about Salmon

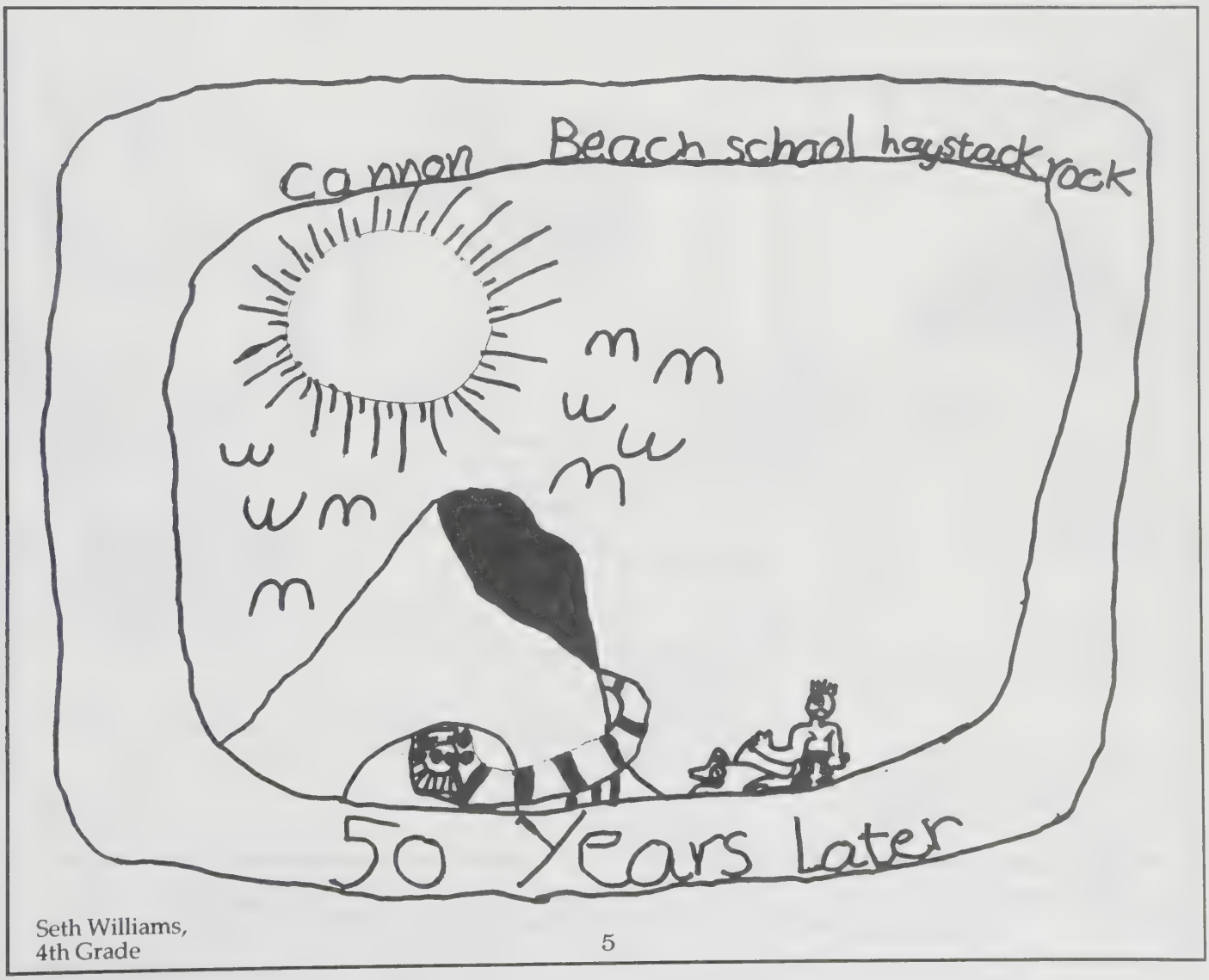
A salmon problom is happining today! In Clatsup County the commercial Fishermen are fishing to much fish! They need to calm down about fish! In Clattsop Conty we need more fish! THE FISH NEED TO SPAWN!

Joe Oyala
Cannon Beach School
4th Grade

Clatsop County today

In 50 years there might not be tws deer, elk, and other animals left. Today there is too much hunting of elk and deer. A lot of elk are tame so you can shoot your limit. A bunch of elk and deer are being hit by cars. People are poaching tame elk and deer. Poachers are killing too many animals. Clatsop County needs stricter laws for hunters, and sticter laws for poachers. Fences could also be put up by the roads.

Josh Rinker
Cannon beach Org.
4th grade



Seth Williams,
4th Grade

Improve Clatsop County

There are things that
could be done to make
Clatsop County better. To improve
Clatsop County we need, to save
the Salmon. People are fishing so much
salmon in Clatsop County that
the fish are becoming XCTINCT.
Soon the fish will be gone and
the people will have no fish left.
If we save the Salmon we
might have alot more Salmon
in the world. We need more rules
about fishing to much salmon.
Save the salmon.

We need to plant more trees
in Clatsop County. People
that cut down trees should plant
the trees back so Clatsop County
has more trees. If we let people
cut down trees without replanting
trees, there are going to be fewer and
fewer trees. We should plant trees
Clatsop County would look alot better
with more trees.

by Tami Keller
Cannon Beach School
4th Grade

Tami Keller,
4th Grade

Clatsop County in 2044

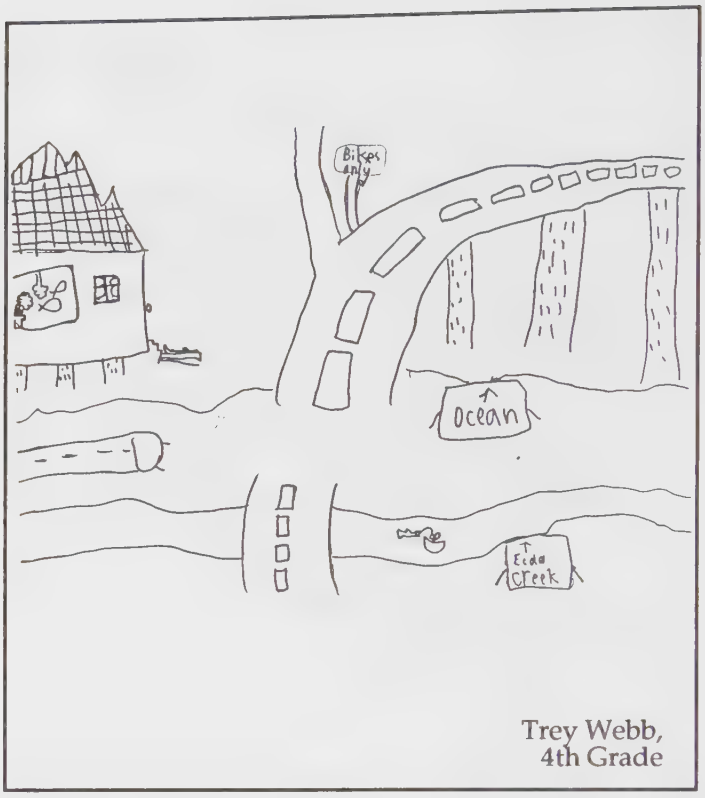
I think Clatsop County in 2044 will have a lot more buildings. In Clatsop County 50 years from now, there will be a lot more houses. I think there will be houses on the rocks and beaches of the ocean. The hills will be filled with houses and highways. The animals will lose their homes because of the people's houses.

by Tasha Reidlinger
Cannon Beach School Oregon
4th Grade

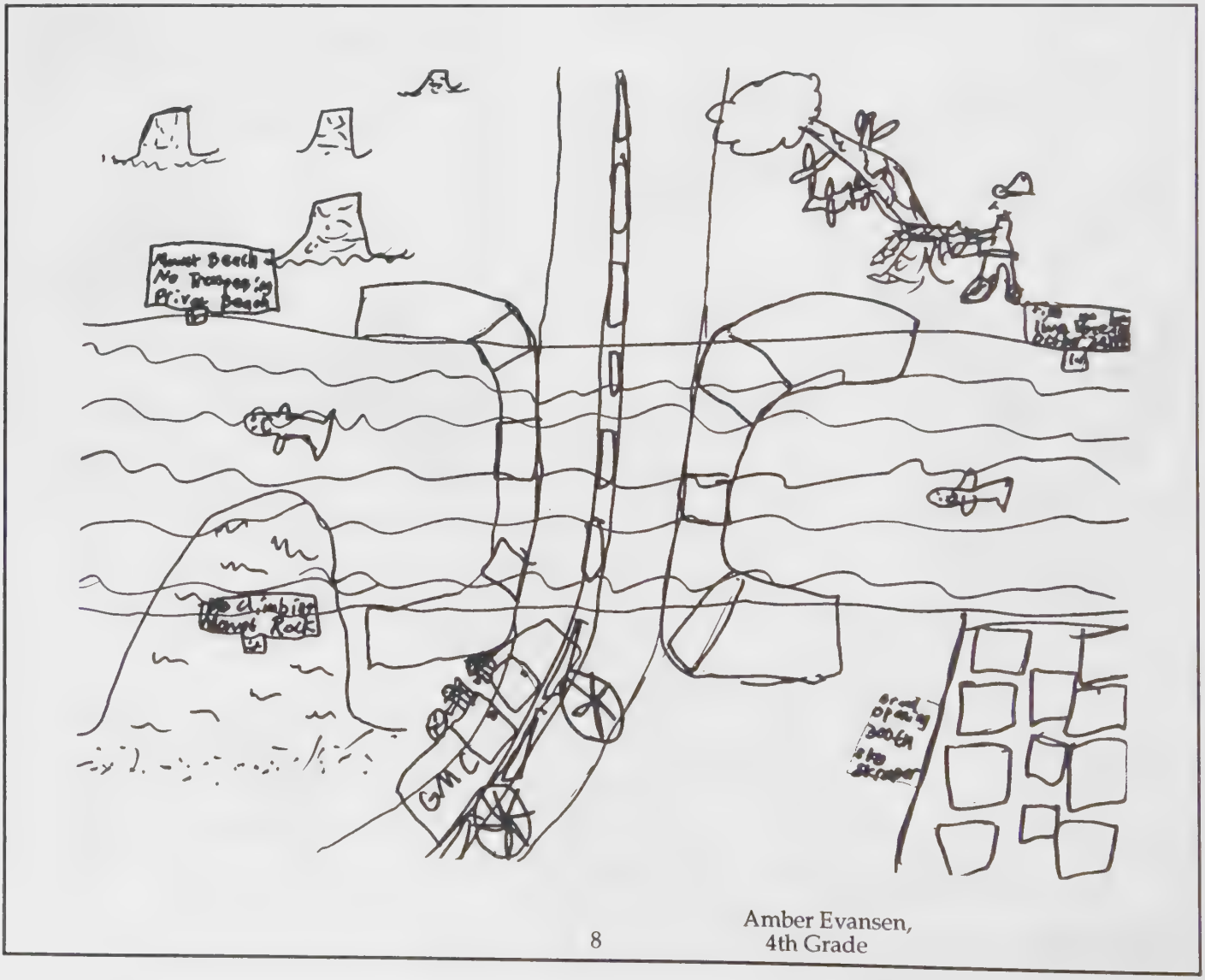
Alison Osburn,
4th Grade

In 2044 I see, ~~that~~ the forests are going to be very ugly. Men will be chopping down trees everyday. I think stumps will be everywhere. Forests are going to be highways in 2044. Highways are going to be put in instead of trees. Forests will be Hotels and Motels in instead of trees. There will be no more animals because forests will be destroyed. I think that when something is destroyed, it stays like that. I also think that there will be buildings and sky scrapers. So when you go to a forest always use RESPECT!!

Written by Amber Evansen
Cannon Beach School



Trey Webb,
4th Grade



Amber Evansen,
4th Grade

SEASIDE HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Students:

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Natalie Pfund
Justin Hauser
Monica Teeple
Morgan Johnson
Hannah Cross
Lindsey Welch
Holly Snair
Jacob Lear
Kenny Tse
Chad Winters
Amanda Ray
Cassandra Cain
Julio Campos
Julia DeNotta
Courtney Flukinger
Jason Smith
Cassie Berg
Tiffany McBride

Teachers:

Mrs. Bergquist
Mr. King
Mrs. Hauger
Ms. Opitz
Mrs. Barker
Miss. Mewhinney

Coordinator: Barbara Campbell

Principal: Miss. Samsel

1994- TIME CAPSULE-CLATSOP COUNTY

by Tricia Lownds
Seaside Heights Elementary

Dear Time Capsule Opener,

Here are some of the things I like to do in the year 1994. I like to walk on the prom by the Pacific Ocean in Seaside. When I grow up I want to be an artist. Some of the things I like to do are to play games like hide and go seek. My favorite color is blue and my favorite books are The Ghost Inside the Monster, Catwings and Catwings Returns. My favorite television show is Aladdin, the series. My favorite movie is The Lion King and my favorite dessert is Cookies and Cream.

Sincerely,

Patricia Sue Lownds

LIFE IN CLATSOP COUNTY

by Chad Winters
Seaside Heights Elementary

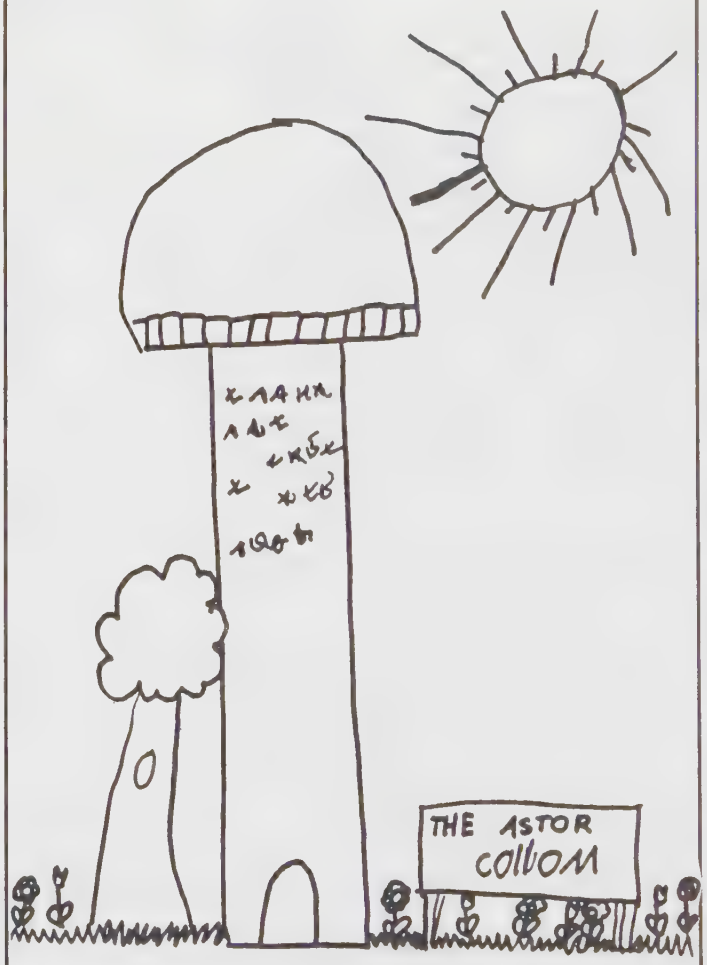
My life is very exciting in Clatsop County. I do a lot of sports and school work. I like the ocean a lot. It is fun to rollerblade downtown and play games in the arcade. The big carousel in one of the big stores, by Chau kee Chinese, is really fun to ride. I like my friends here in Seaside. They are really nice friends, too.

LIFE IN CLATSOP COUNTY-1994

by Natalie Pfund
Seaside Heights Elementary

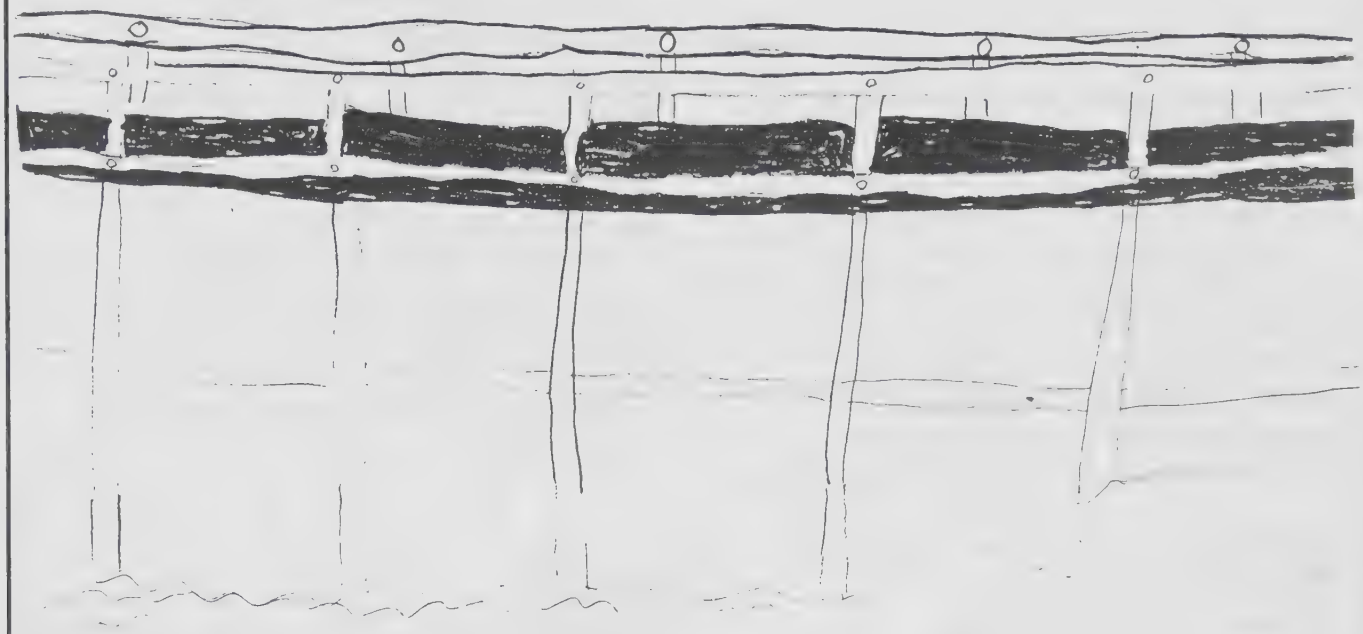
On Sundays I go to church. After church I normally go to Costco. Costco is a place where you can go to buy food. On Monday I get up at 6:30 and take a shower, get dressed, eat breakfast, make my lunch, brush my teeth, then watch a little T.V. till the bus comes. A bus is like a big car that takes a lot of kids to school. A school is a place where kids go to learn. When I get home from school I eat a snack then I'm suppose to do work around the house. Then at 4:00 or whenever it starts, I watch a show called Fresh Prince of Belaire. At 5:00 we're suppose to eat dinner. But sometimes we don't get to eat until 8:00. At 5:30 I have ballet. On Tuesday I wake up at 6:30. Everyting is the same as Monday except I don't go to ballet after school. On Wednesday school is one hour late so I wake up at 7:30. After that every thing is the same. Except after school I go home with Miss Boring for Bible study and then I go home. On Thursday, I wake up at 6:30 and after that the morning is the same. After school I go to ballet. After ballet I eat dinner, watch T.V. and then go to bed. On Friday I wake up at 6:30 and everything is the same except I don't have anything after school.

Amanda Ray,
4th Grade

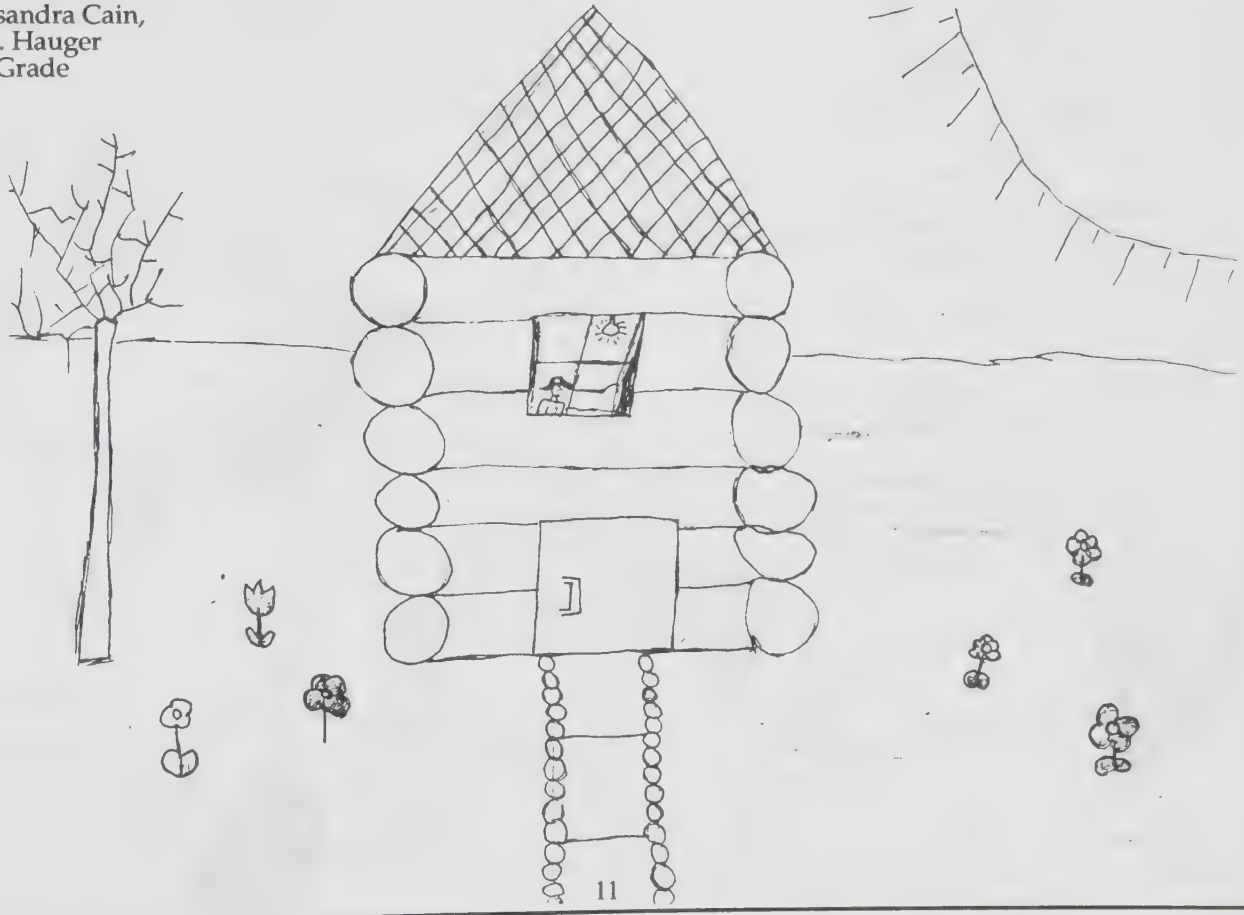


Justin Hauser,
Mrs. Bergquist 5th Grade

Broadway Park Bridge, Seaside



Cassandra Cain,
Mrs. Hauger
5th Grade



LIFE NOW IN CLATSOP COUNTY

by Monica Teeple
Seaside Heights Elementary

Here in Seaside the beach is a major attraction. The life it brings! There are fish and little creatures, crab, starfish, clams, and thousands of others creatures. Surfing and body boarding is done. The beach is a nice place to take a walk or on the prom.

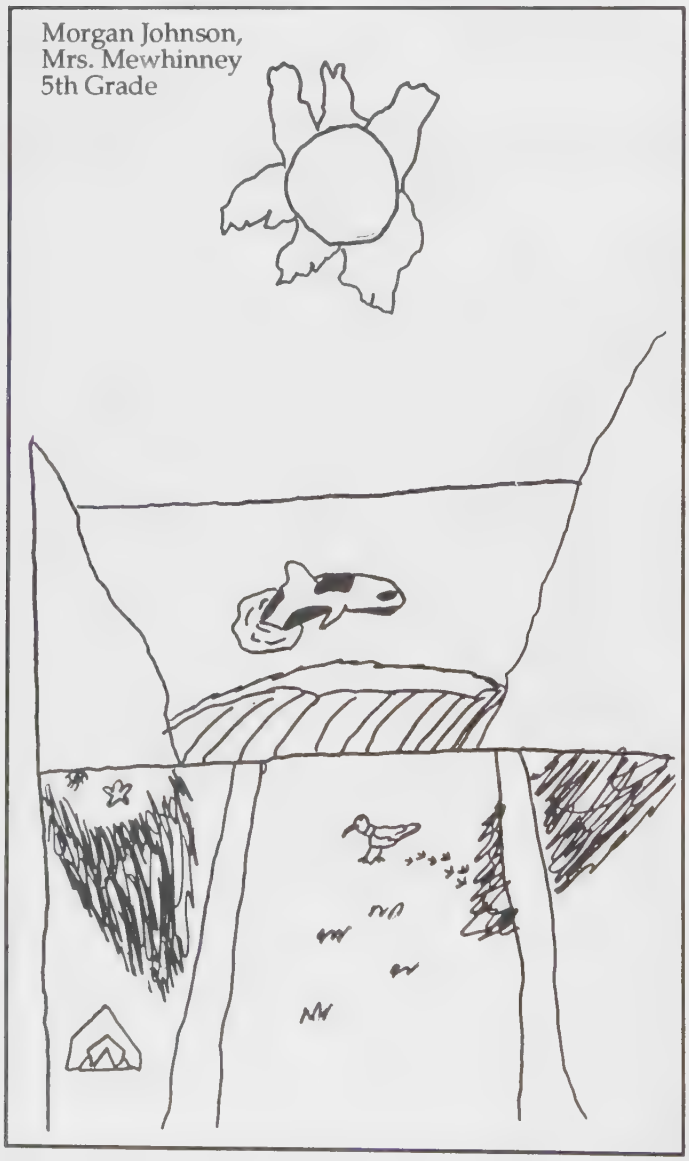
The trees and forests are all around hiding the animals. I love trees and they make fun forts.

During the summer thousands of people and shop in the different stores. People come form all different states to visit the beach and just have a good time.

LIVING IN CLATSOP COUNTY

by Julio Campos
Seaside Heights Elementary

I like living in Clatsop County, because I have a lot of friends. It is a nice place to live, because it has fun schools and I get to see my favorite teachers, I get to see my friends. I think we have good laws here. If you do something bad you will get in trouble for the crime. In Mexico there were no phones to call for help. Here we have hot water and in Mexico you had to take cold showers. There are things I miss in Mexico, but Clatsop County is my home now.


Morgan Johnson,
Mrs. Mewhinney
5th Grade

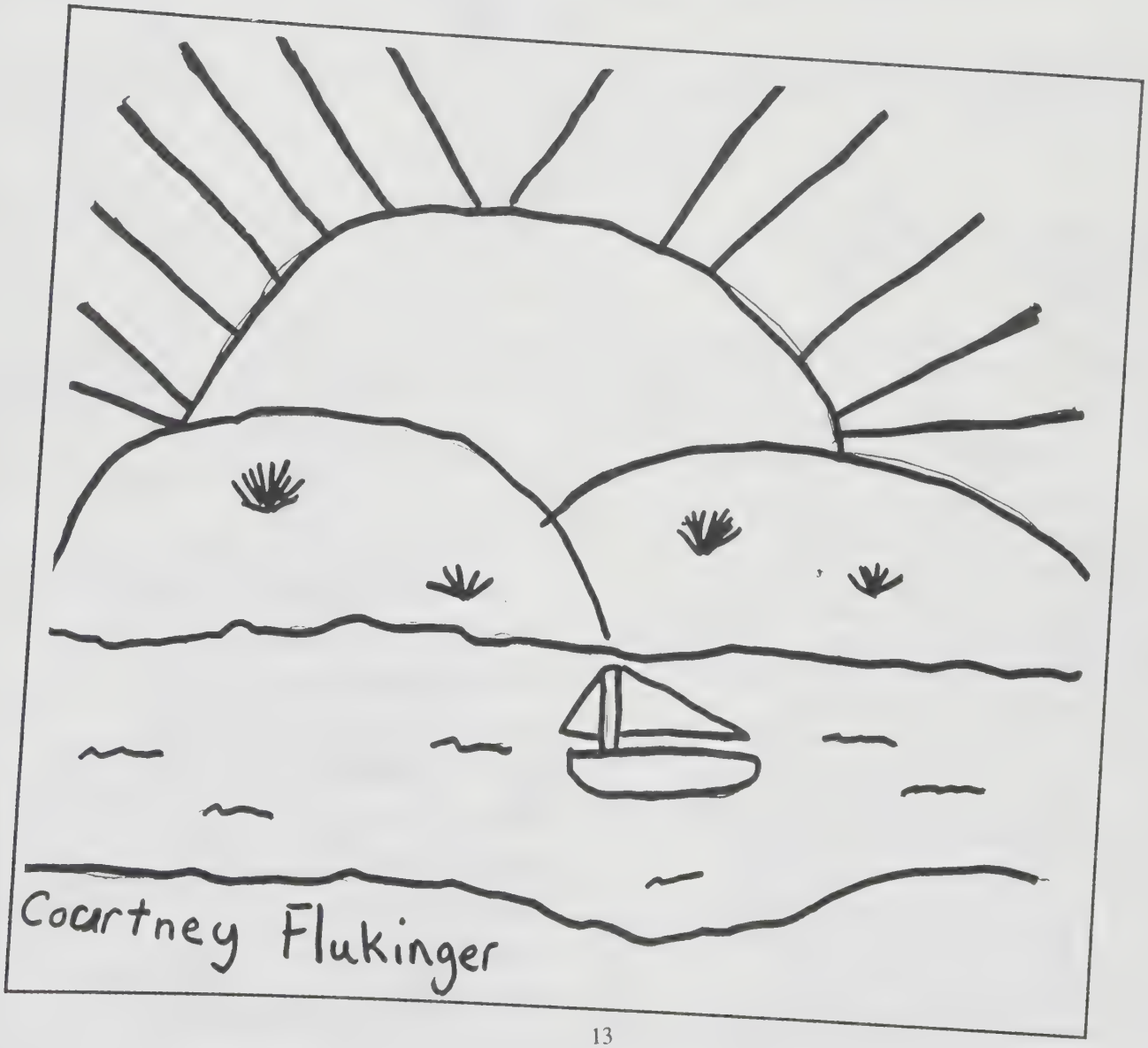
Julia DeNotta,
4th Grade

LIFE IN CLATSOP COUNTY

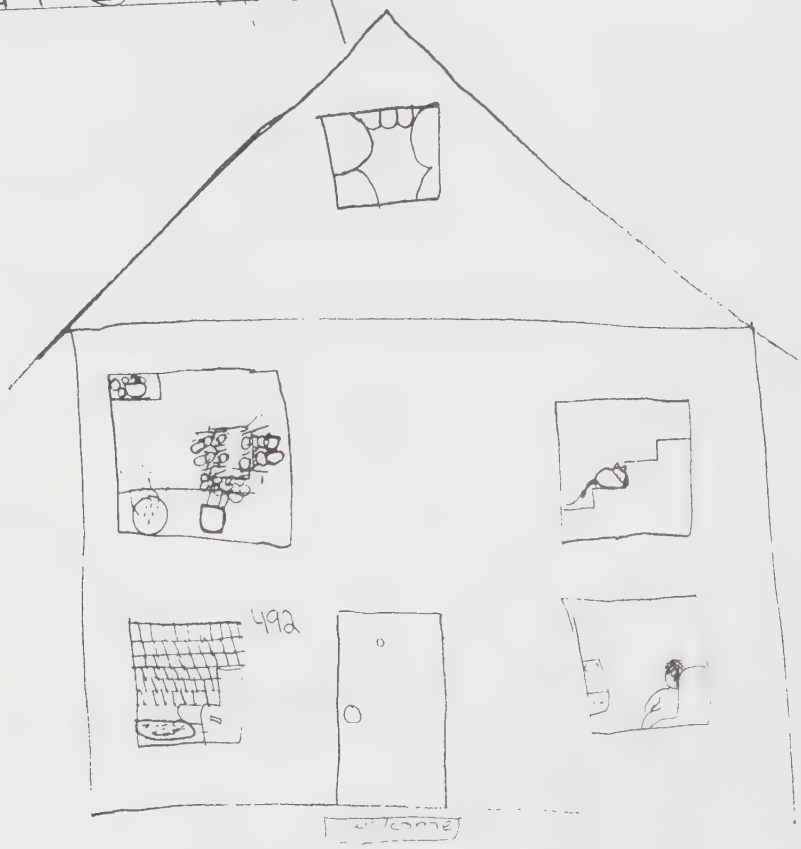
by Hannah Cross
Seaside Heights Elementary

Hi, my name is Hannah Cross. I go to Seaside Heights Elementary School. Hopefully you'll know who I am cause I want to be the first woman President. Right now Bill Clinton is President. I an 9 years old. In the year 2044 I will be 59. I think that's old enough to be President.

A typical day now is getting up at 7:00, fix my lunch, get dressed, eat breakfast, brush my teeth, watch cartoons, and wait for the bus. Well I have to go to recess. See ya in the year 2044.



A Home In Clatsop County



Lindsey Welch
Mrs. Bergquist
5th Grade

LIFE IN CLATSOP COUNTY IN 1994

by Jason Smith
Seaside Heights Elementary

My life here in 1994 is probably different than your life in 2044. I wonder if you have Super Nintendo's, and Game Gear, and Sega C.D. Well that's what we have as games. I like to rollerblade on the prom. If you don't have a prom, well it is like a big sidewalk. Ours is right next to the beach. And there's a yellow stripe right in the middle of it. One lane is the walk lane and the other is the rollerblade lane and bike lane. Our president's name is Bill Clinton. In school we go down to a pond and we catch little animals like fish and tadpoles and stickleback's and newts. Probably the pond won't be there when it is 2044.

LIFE IN CLATSOP COUNTY IN 2044

by Holly Snair
Seaside Heights Elementary

I think in the year 2044, Clatsop County will double its population. More houses will cover the hills. The fighting will stop, no one will act against the law. Houses and cars would be sun powered. The word "litter" would not even exist, because no one would litter. Everyone would pick up after themselves. The towns would be clean and nice, with no garbage.

WHAT LIFE IN CLATSOP COUNTY WOULD BE LIKE IN 2204

By Cassie Berg
Seaside Heights Elementary

They will probably have dehydrated food. They will probably have jet cars. When you push a button it turns into a boat. When you go to school you would go to school in a vegetable powered U.F.O. Your T.V. can show 62 channels at one time. To get into your house you will have to press your thumb on a glass square. Instead of glasses the words on your paper would be humongous. Instead of scooters you will have jet powered skateboards. There wouldn't be guns. When you wanted to sign your signature you just said your name.

Life in Clatsop County in 2044

by Jacob Lear
Seaside Heights Elementary

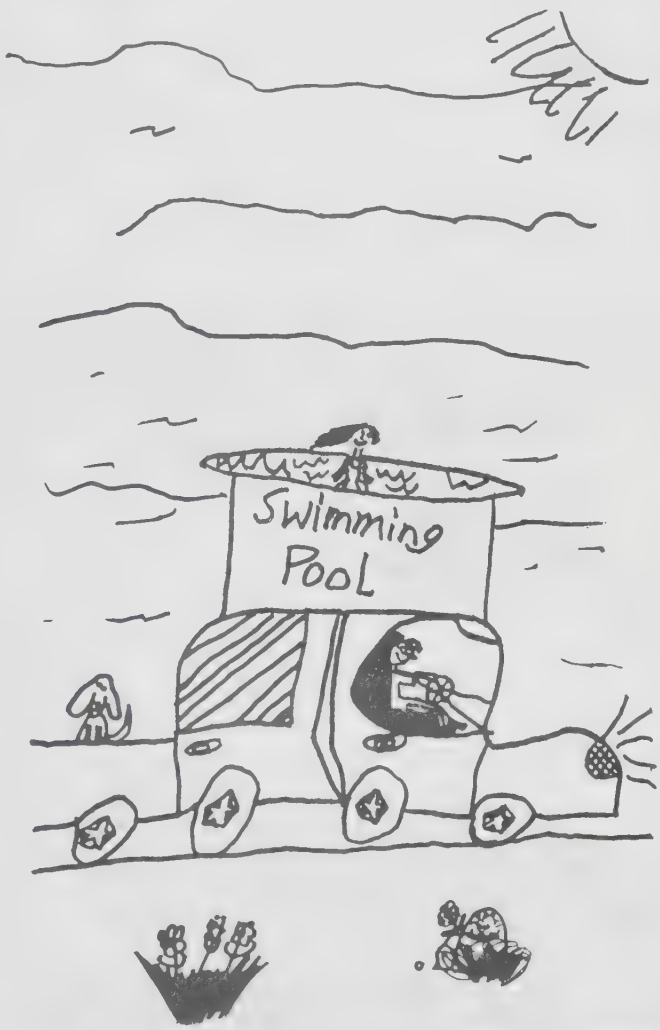
I think that there will be more people because more people are being born almost everyday in Clatsop County. And even more people will come in the summer. Plus more people will be attracted to the beach.

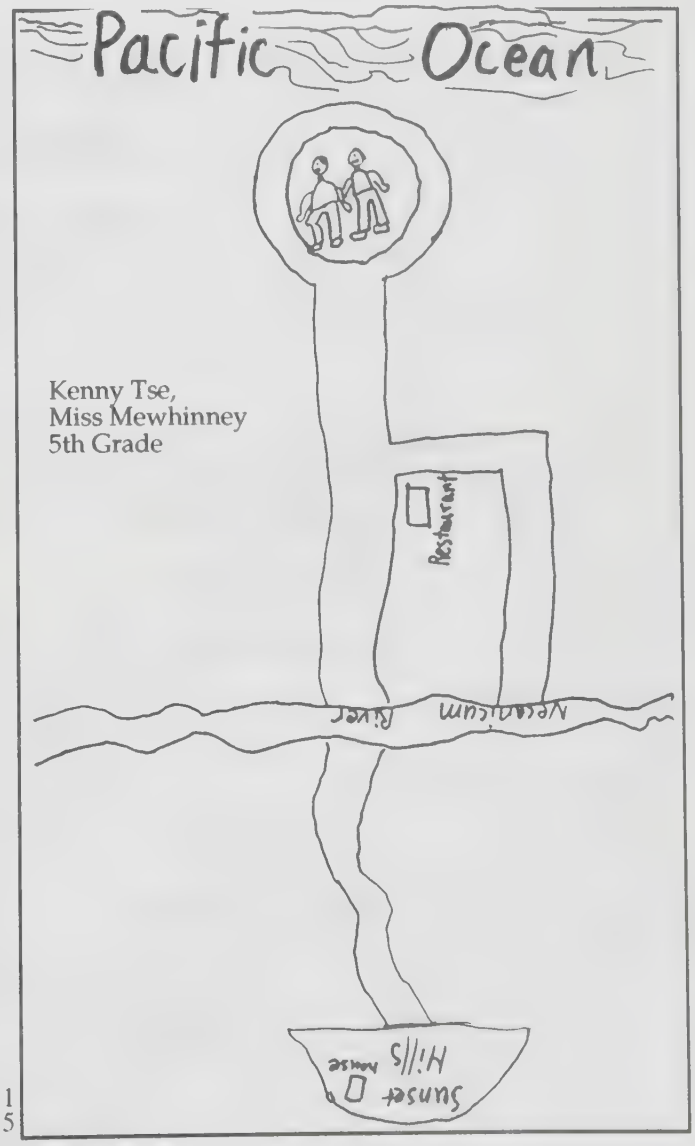
I also think that there will be less air pollution. I think that we will have solar cars or cars that run on something other than gas. We think about stuff like that everyday.

I also think that there will be less beach pollution. People are trying harder not to pollute our beaches. We have scouts that clean beaches.

I also think that there will be more trees on the hills. Everytime that there are trees that get cut new ones get planted.

Tiffany McBride,
4 - Barker





Kenny Tse,
Miss Mewhinney
5th Grade

BROADWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students:

Kirsten Webb
Priscilla Russell
Michelle Olson
Chris Monroe
Adrian Anderson
Jennifer Sopko
Jeramy Houston
Jolee Authier
Joseph Soller
Megan Hubik

Teachers:

Karma Herd
Mary Kerwin
Kathy Freeman

Principal: Jim White

October 9, 1994

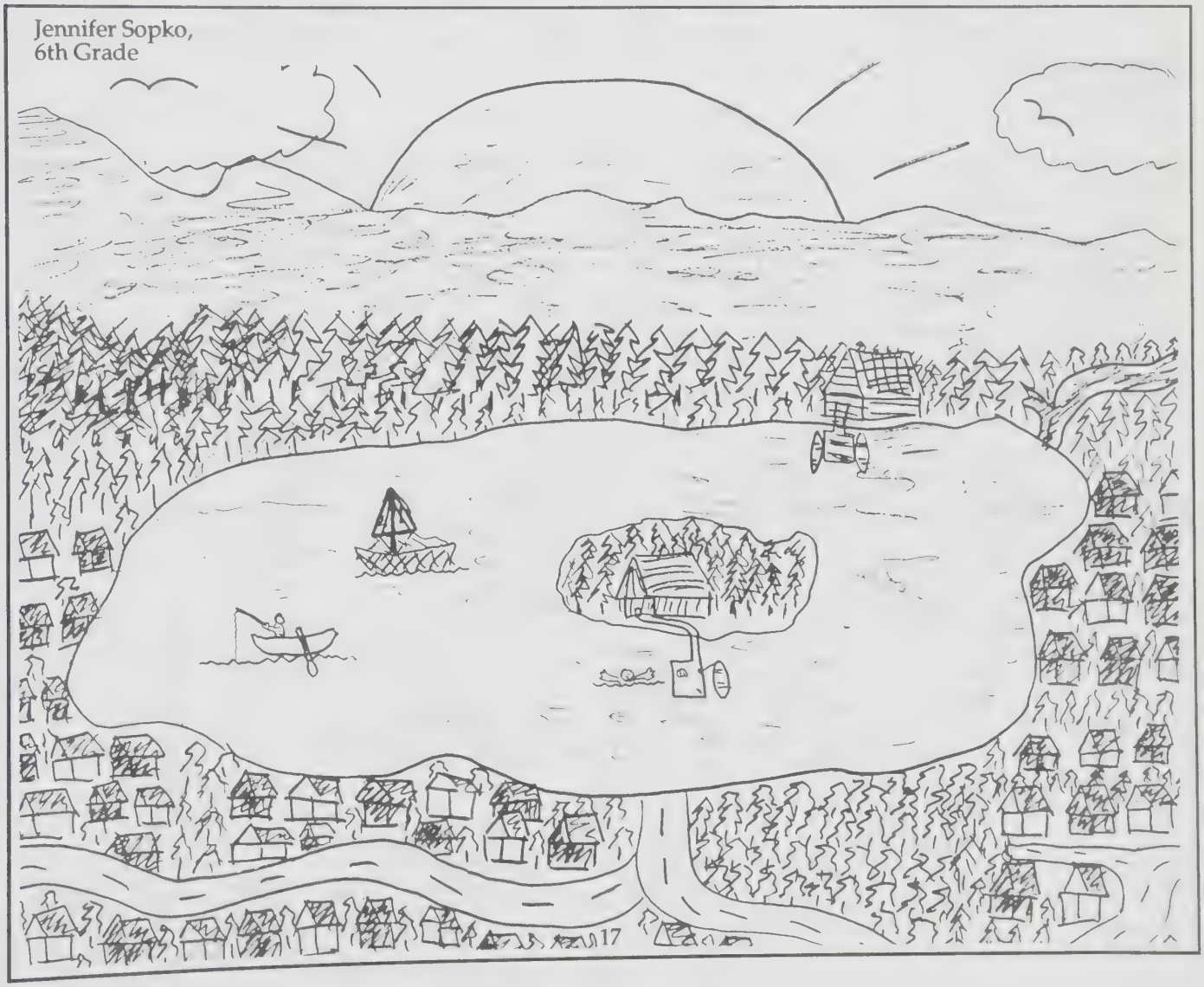
LIFE IN CLATSOP COUNTY - '94

by Kirsten Webb

Clatsop County is a great place to be. There's an ocean to swim in, woods to hike in, beaches to play on, and Washington's right next door. It's the law to wear a bike helmet if you're under 16 and against the law to pass another car in the bike lane. "Forrest Gump" just came to town, and the "Lion King" was a big hit over the summer.

Hi. I'm Kirsten Webb and I live in Gearhart. I go to Broadway Middle School and am 12 years old. I moved here in Summer 1993 from Oswego, N.Y., and one of the first things I noticed was the pollution. Maybe I'd better reprase that. One of the first things I didn't notice was the pollution. In Oswego, there were **3** nuclear power plants. Lake Ontario was so polluted that it stunk. My mom didn't even want us to swim in it. Here, you can go find a stream in the woods and drink a little, it's so clean. That was a really big difference.

Life in Clatsop County, for me at least, is pretty "low pressure". You don't have to worry about getting mugged on the way to school, and I've noticed people are alot nicer and not as high strung towards kids. Tourists can go to Seaside, browsers to Cannon Beach, shoppers to Warrenton, or sight-seers to Astoria. You can get a candy bar for 40 cents, a coke for 75, or an ice cream cone for a dollar. All in all, like I said before, Clatsop County is pretty great. Happy sesquicentennial, and when you read this in 50 years, when I'm 62 (what a thought) happy bicentennial! Live long and prosper.



MY SUMMER LIFE IN CLATSOP COUNTY IN 1994

by Priscilla Russell

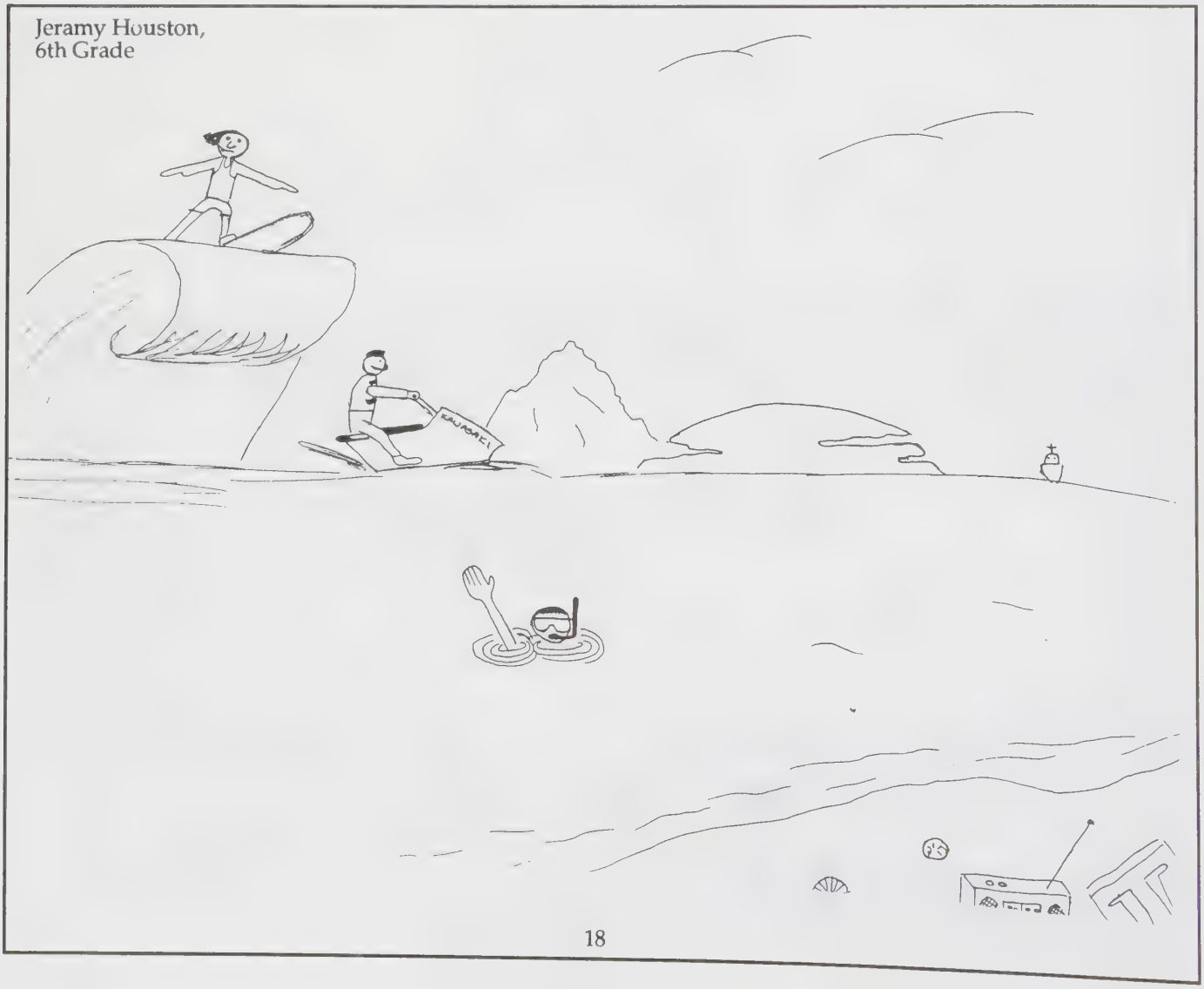
I live eight miles south from Seaside, by Neacoxie Lake. As soon as the lake warms up enough, we take out our eighteen foot wooden row boat. We take it out in the middle of the lake, throw in the anchor, jump or dive off the boat and swim in the warm water. We usually swim over to the water lillies or float on the inner tubes. My family and I either walk or drive to the beach, where my dad and I sometimes put on our wet suits and body surf in the ocean. We sometimes pypoboard (a around flat board about several feet in diameter that you toss in shallow water and jump onto and skim, all of which is fun). We also collect drift wood and make bonfires. We also play baseball or frisbee on the beach and bring Duey, our goat.

I took an art class at the Clatsop County College for about 4 hours a day in which I got an "A", three credits. I practice piano every day. We go to Seaside to my favorite store, The World of Gifts, a novelty store located about a half block from the Prom, on Broadway. Across the street we go on the bumper cars and my favorite ride, Tilt-a-Whill, which has a number of cars seating several people on a track going around in circles, the car being pivoted at the front and turning it even faster.

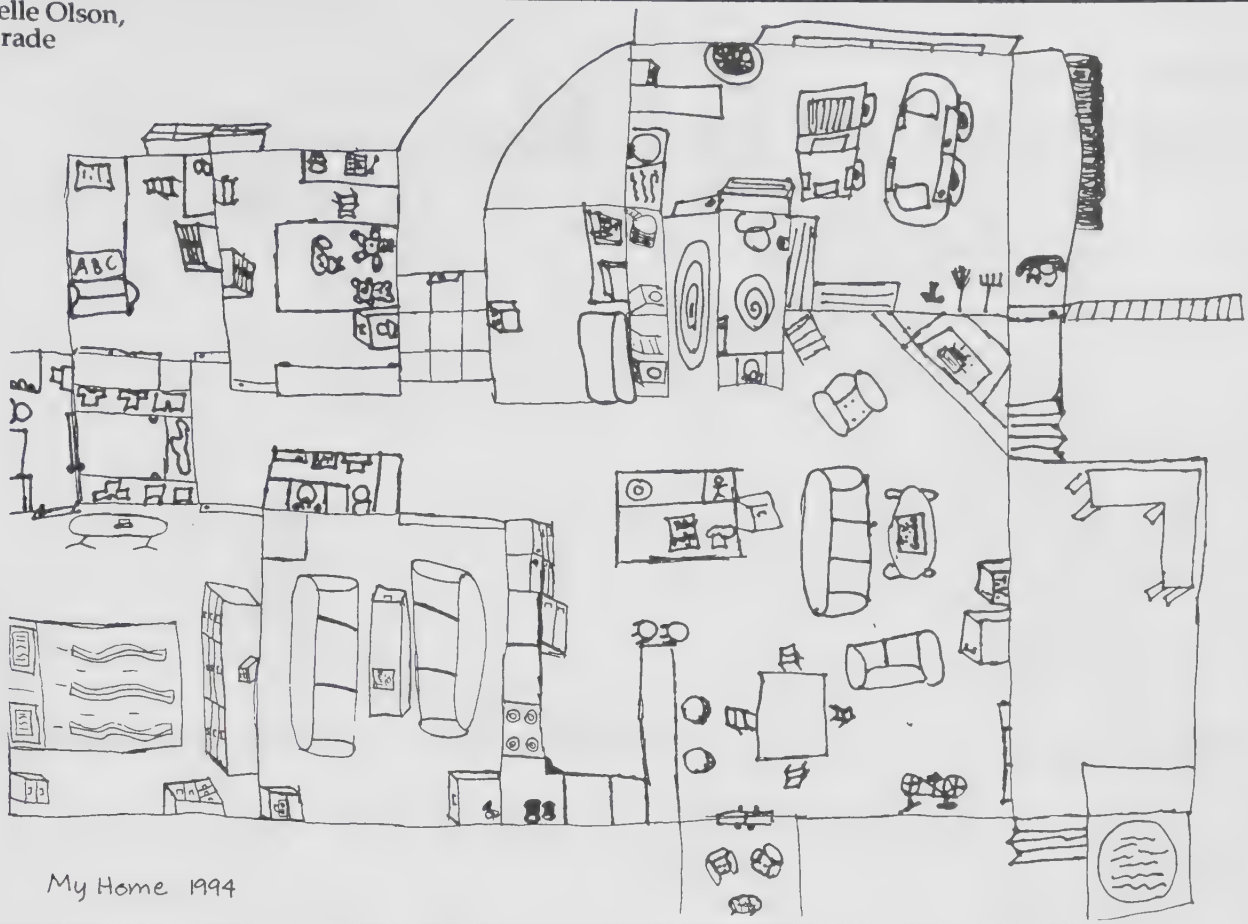
I enjoy living in Clatsop County , and I feel sorry for all those people that have to live in crime filled countries.

P.S. Cars run on gasoline now, but I do not know what cars will run on in 50 years from now, by the way I will be 62 years old when you read this.

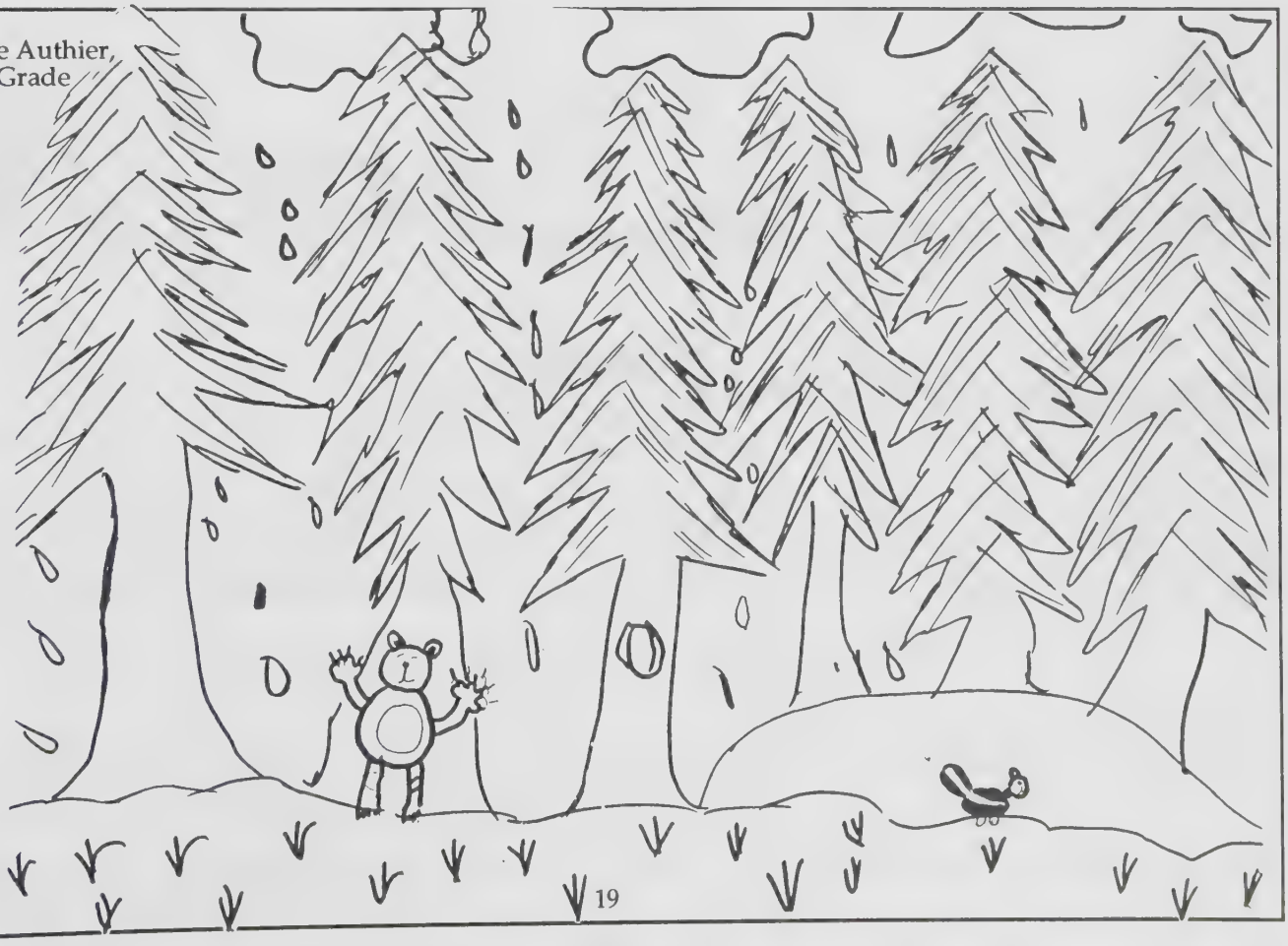
Jeramy Houston,
6th Grade



Michelle Olson,
6th Grade



Jolee Authier,
6th Grade



Chris Monroe

In the year 2044 life could be either of two ways.

Life in the year 2044 could be like this:

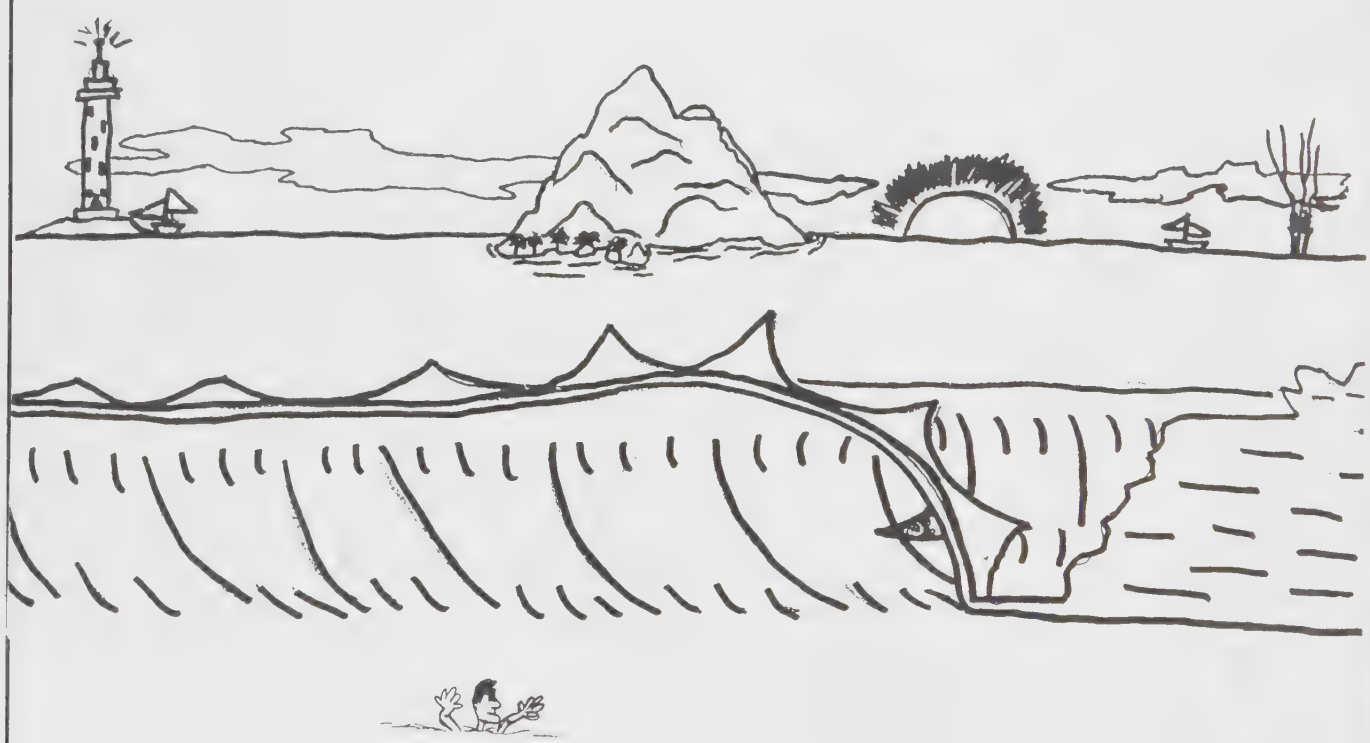
Railways controlled by solar power
that take you around.
Instead of cars, more bicycles.
Earthquake safe buildings.
No drugs or alcohol or cigarettes.
Good jobs.
No gangs or mobs.
No wars.
Cure for Aids.
No diseases.
Less fatening foods.
Better school systems.
Less crime.
More recycling.
No killing.
No prejudice.
No poverty.

Or it could be the other way:

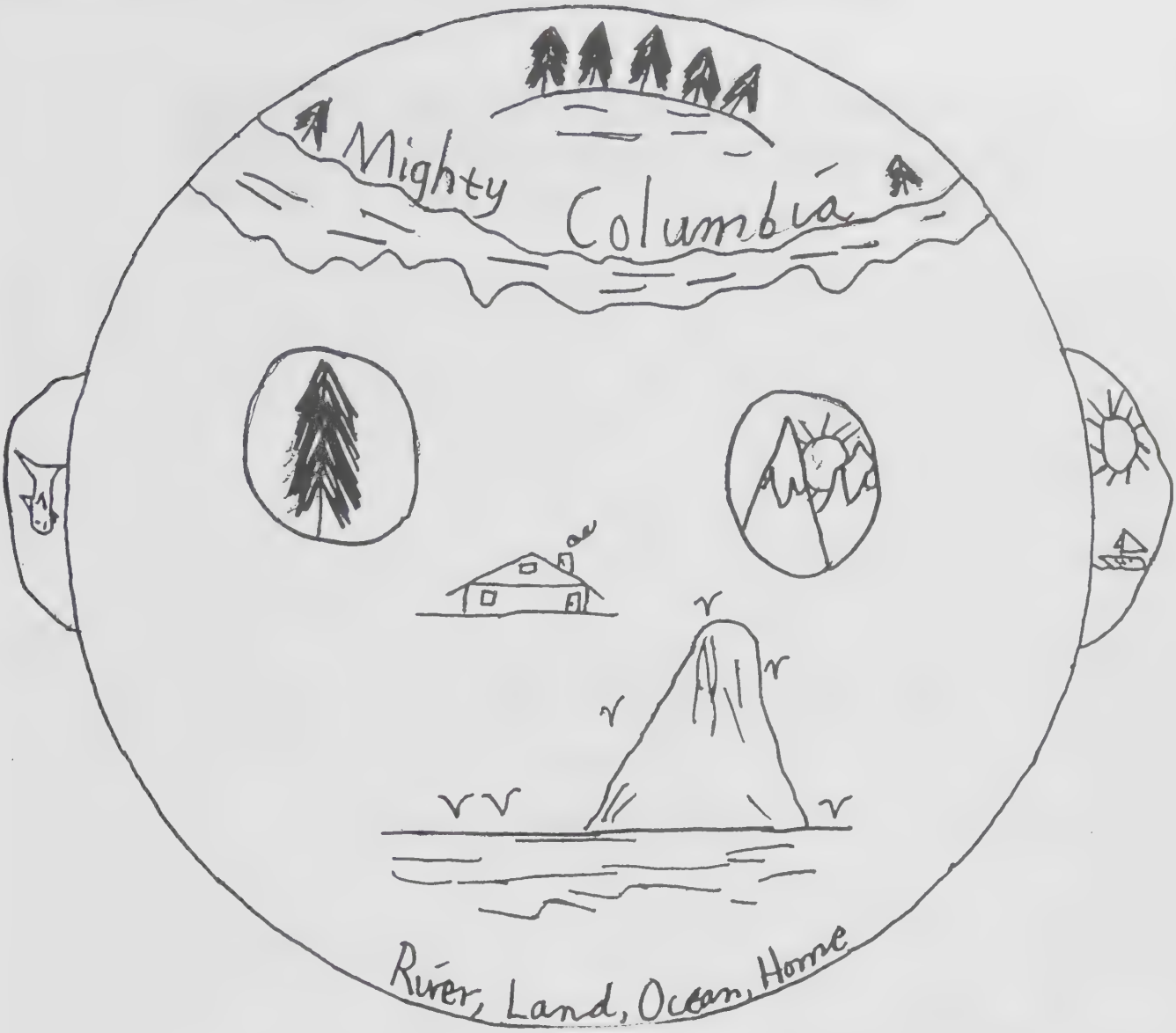
On going wars.
Disease, races dying out.
Destruction.
Pollution.
Killings.
Robberies.
Gangs.
Hate.

We have a choice. We could live in Clatsop County Number 1 or we could live in Clatsop County Number 2.

Joseph Soller,
6th Grade



Adrian Anderson
6th Grade



THE FUTURE

by Megan Hubik

In the future, 50 years from now, I would be 61. All the things would have changed. The food would be in capsules, the workers at restaurants would be robots, and nobody at restaurants would have to worry about smoke because they would set off the smoke detector if they did. Animals would be special because they are potty trained. They could also take themselves out for a walk.

Cars and buses would be solar powered and they would run on gasoline made by dead leaves and wood. The cars wouldn't make any pollution because the cars wouldn't have exhaust pipes.

The technology would be new and different. There would be CD Rom for T.V., the T.V.'s would be big. They wouldn't have to worry about losing the remote because I would invent a remote control detector. The computer would have advanced in many ways. I would have new and different things for it.

The future may only be 50 years away, but it seems like a lifetime. So I hope that everything comes true because it would be cool to have potty trained pets.

SEASIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Students:
Ryan James Bandonis
Megan Hubik
Wendy Boone

Teacher: Mrs. Brown

Principal: Carl Odin

THE FUTURE OF CLATSOP COUNTY

BY
RYAN JAMES BANDONIS
Seaside High School
October 12, 1994

What do I think Clatsop County will be like in the year 2044? I don't know, so much has changed in the past couple of years. The whole economy of Astoria has been about shot down with the lack of fish and the old growth timber extravaganza. Seaside has tried to welcome a McDonalds along highway 101. This is fifty years from now. I will be sixty-four years old, nearly an old man. I wonder what I will be doing or what I might have done. The focus is not on me, although this provokes a lot of thought about a different subject. Clatsop County, ehh?

I could go with the Back to the Future part two approach where kids would travel places on hover boards or flying cars or whatever, but I don't think things will be that high tech at this time. School will be quite different I guess with the loss of diplomas from high school with this Katz plan. The forests of Clatsop County might be different due to the disastrous effects of clear cut, but some of the land and trees will grow back. No beach? It could happen. It might happen. Some of the buildings in Clatsop County will be new and different or the same old buildings we see here in 1994. Clatsop Community College maybe different will be aging just a little. My grandpa built much of "Harvard on the Hill". I wonder if anything else built by my grandfather will be left standing in Clatsop County.

This place, this area, I don't know. when I was growing up in my early years no houses were around my elementary school except for a couple of duplexes. Now, already, about four years later, apartments and automobiles line up and down Spruce Drive. I love the time I spent with my friends in the forest behind my house. Will this forest exist or will it just be the plot for more houses? I love all the great memories I have about my dad and I building "the fort", in our backyard, out of alder timbers from that forest. But change. Change is what you get all the time, most unexpectedly. I find myself many times talking to my friends, what do we usually talk about? The past. I don't like to think about the fututre, it scares the hell out of me.

In the mail today I got information from a college and to this college, you could send in an application near the end of your junior year. That's within a few months. Two years from now, I will be off somewhere at a college most likely leaving the things I grew up with along with this place behind.

The small town atmosphere is not found in many places around. Particularly a place such as Clatsop County. The good times I have had doing all sorts of things have mostly affected my life in a positive way. Right now, the summer camp I grew up with for a week or two each year in my younger days is in the way of a golf course, but this can't happen. Camp Kiwanilong was a special place, a different place from the real world. Clatsop County may under go a great change or not much what so ever depending on the attitude of the inhabitants.

I think Astoria will be the same, the city never changes, but it could be a genuine "Hollywood up North", due to the success of Free Willy, the Goonies, and Kindergarten Cop. I'm just thinking to myself and saying, "Hey, why am I talking about about these movies, they will be ancient by the time this essay is looked at?"

Alright. Seaside is different than quite a few places around here, it is sort of the outcast of this county although it is pretty much the center of the area. I don't know, its' changing. I personally don't think for the better. Other things make make up the "Clatsop Metropolitan Area," but not of significant enough to work with.

People. This is the one thing that will cause the county to change. Ideas, some good, others bad, will change the face of what I am looking at this day. Why is it that, sometimes, ideas don't work out, but we do learn from those mistakes, but sometimes a little to late. I am typing this on a computer we got a couple of weeks ago, I can't believe that my dad has taken a step forward in technological transformation. He doesn't see the importance of a computer, sometimes, nor do I find why it is clear. Others see the results crystal, crystal clear. But why? I finally realized I have gone off on a big spill about philosophy. This day and age it is helpful if you have a computer, but fifty years away, the whole world will be "linked together on a net", or the computer may turn out to be the most costly fad in American history. Most of the buildings will change along with the change and influx of people within the community. New, Buildings will all be earthquake proof, while the old buildings still left standing will soon be crumbling. Transportation. Industry. Economic Structure. Power. Ideas. These words all connect the future and in the midst disrupt the county on its' path to become perfect. The Columbia River will be flowing at a powerful rate once again since the dams will be gone. Nuclear fusion, the future of power, harmless, will give power to the vehicles we get around in. The county will have a new culture with different ways.

"TIMES ARE A CHANGIN'"

UNEXPECTED CHANGE

by Megan Hubik

As I walk out into the bright light of a crisp, newborn day my image of a nice clean world is instantly shattered like a vase thrown against a brick wall. For upon opening the front door of my living quarters, a sickeningly dense smog invades the privacy of my nostrils. It is so dominating I need to let out a sputtering cough several times in order to gasp one measly breath. Walking to my car is even a complete hassle, in order just to get to the dang thing I end up tripping and slipping upon at least a dozen pieces of garbadge that lay cluttering what was once a beautiful green lawn.

The engine of my clunky and awkward Pinto sputters to a start. I don't feel to bad owning a junky little car, the money problems among America are growing by the second, so the vast majority of my social friends drive them. Only a few Donald Trump type people are privelaged enough to even touch a car that costs over $5,000.00 I turn slowly onto the 4 - lane freeway that runs from Seaside to Astoria. So many cars are smashed on that it reminds me of a woven blanket. Sounds of honking horns and obscene vulgarities hover around me and my car.

Some gangs form Portland have transferred to our territory, so I become routinely uneasy as I pass the corner where they converse. Their mark is everywhere, like a constant reminder to all that they are in our presence. They are here to dominate over those who are not as "tough" as they are, and to reak havok.

I am approaching downtown Astoria now. The homelessness problem is also growing like a blob. Driving by the Burger King, I spot a homeless women and her young child picking hungrily at a bag of leftovers some fortunate person just threw out. A sad feeling overcomes me. The traffic is regularly backed up, I have now been sitting for at least 15 min. One holdup is the newest roadconstruction project. The men on the roadside make clinkity, clankity noises with their big boy toys. It is easy to become annoyed.

About a 1/4 of a mile ahead a herd of workers are tearing down the old Hunt's Home Furnishings. I imagine they will be creating either more housing apartments or a mass of stores. Thats all there really is around here. Nothing fun to do. No amusement parks, ice skating rinks, rollarskating rinks, there isn't even a bowling alley anymore. It is now a mini mall parking lot.

The worst of all this tragedy is the war on drugs. Our county is losing terribly. You see them on the corners, in malls, at the beach, in the parking lot. There is no escape from them. They seem to multiply, for everyday I notice more and more. The dealers that is. I view them as predators hunting their prey. I pull into the parking lot of my work, passing a few possible dealers. As I walk through the wide double doors, relief washes over me. Then I realize I still have to make it home.

Kimm Balzer
Jr. CP English, Period 6
Mrs. Brown
October 12, 1994
Seaside High School

My life now, in 1994, in Clatsop County . . .

Clatsop County has been my home now for sixteen years. That is, all the years in which I have existed. I live in the south end of the county, out on Highway 26, near the Highway 53 junction.

For six years now, I have owned horses. At this time, I have three. A yearling Quarterhorse filly, a twelve year old mare (my barrel horse), and a six year old gelding (my show horse). Horses take up most of my time, and almost all of my money (from both jobs!).

Every day after school, I go to Faraway Farms, where I keep my horses in the winter. This I do instead of sports or other school activities, mostly because the horses take all my time and energy.

Seaside High School, where I am currently in my junior year, has approximately five hundred students. Classes are getting larger every, as more and more people come to Seaside. Yet life here at Seaside High School remains different than that at much bigger schools. For example, there are no gangs or gang activity here. That mentality just doesn't exist here. Not enough hostility, I suspect.

Seaside's football team is doing very well this year. We haven't lost a home game yet, and every score is simply outrageous, such as forty-seven to twelve.

As for myself, well, I don't think of myself as a conformer. I tend to want to do things my own way, regard less of what others think and/or say. I've always been that way, though. Not much of a team player. In classes at school, even as I write this essay, I tend to sit alone in my own world. Where my mind wanders, and I daydream about the end of the day. I still have plenty of friends, however. And that is something which I have never been sure of. But people seem to like me well enough, For all my quirks and odd habits.

Being outwardly shy, I like to try to be different inside. To lend myself to moments of rare 'out-goingness.' I like to see a raised eyebrow now and then.

At home, I get along quite well with my brother. My parents and I have a fairly good relation-ship, also. Family life is a haven for me, in a way. Helps me to be my own person, for certain.

I drive an old truck of my father's, a 1974 International flatbed pick-up. Certainly stands out in the school parking-lot.

Clatsop County has been a good place in which to grow up. It's a quiet place, and generally a sheltered corner of the world. It's certainly a good place to come home too.

Before I die, I would like to accomplish some personal dreams. I want to travel to Europe and live the good life. I want to go to Australia, and live out in the 'bush'. I would like to travel to Ireland, and be in an Irish castle.

I'm not sure how to describe my life in Clatsop County any other way than what I've done here. It's a very pretty place, and 'homey', being small-town and all.

Hopefully, it will stay that way, from 1994 to 2044.

Wendy Boone, jr.
Seaside High School
Seaside, OR 97138
October 13, 1994

GEARHART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Students:

Mike Neilson
Remedios Heidi Fackerell
Jasmine Elizabeth Maddock
Jordan Ter Har
Libby Baum
Anna Shumaker
Lindsey Mizell
Juston Bowman
Jennifer Dawn Sisley
Anna K. Smith
Joseph W. Taft

Teacher: Lennie Nichols

Principal: Doug Ayles

Clasop county's hord

I am Mike Neilson. I want a Change in Clatsop County; I don't want people to be poor, or pulution, or crim. I want a Change in Clatsop county.

Now In Clatsop County It isn't that fun. If you go down to the beach there are beer botele's, and cans every where I go there with my brother, and dogs. We Couldn't find a plale to sit because of beer cans, and botteles. My dog cut his foot open on a bottle. He got hit by a car, and broke his leg too.

People Shouldn't be so dangerous. Three years ago at the funland arcade in Seaside a man got staped, and died.

I'm really mad about the present. Kids Should be able to look up to adults. This makes me not want too. So far the future isn't good for kids. If Clatsop County gets any horse I'm moving When I'm eighteen.

Right now in Clatsop County It isn't So fun. I know there are a lot worse places; like L.A., or New York. I'v been to Some like Florida, and Sacremento that have a lot of Crime, and stuff like that, but Clatsop County isnt that clean.

I hope In the near future Clatsop County will get better.

Mike Neilson
Grade 5
Gear hart School

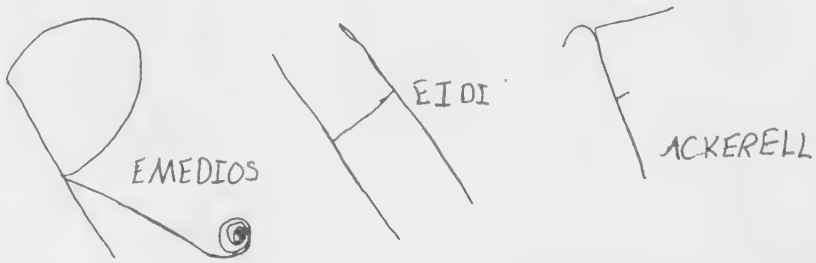
My Life in Clatsop County

My name is Lindsey Mizell. I live in Clatsop County. I live in a two story house. My house is by the highway, but it is still quiet and peacful. I am eleven years old and go to Gearhart School. My teacher is Ms. Nichols. I like school and fifth grade is fun. I have two brothers. Their names are Micheal he is thirteen and Matthew hes five. I have many animals. I have a dog, two cats, four gerbles, two fish, two chickens, two roosters, and a rabit. I love the beach and the waves. I like going body boarding. To go bodyboarding you wait for a big wave and then let it carry you back to shore. My family and I like going to Fort Stevens to go on bike rides. The trails there are a lot of fun. When relatives come we usually go to downtown Seaside, and go to shops and the arcade. My brothers and I like going for a swim at Little Beack. We take inertubes and it's lots of fun. Sometimes we go fishing and crabbing. I like watching television. Family Matters is one of my favorite shows. I collect porclain I about ten of them. They are about one and a half feet tall. They are all girls with big puffy dresses but one, and it's a clown. I love living in Clatsop County and plan on living here the rest of my life.

Lindsey Mizell
5th grade
Gearhart School

My Life in 1994

My name is Remedios Heidi Fackerell and I am 10 years old. I live on a farm next to a forest. My life in Clatsop County is great. Where I live there is no buildings or litter. Thats why sometimes I am glad I don't live in Seaside. When I grow up, I still want to live in the country. When school is out, I go back in the woods and catch frogs, newts, or just look for different birds. Our woods have dozens of ponds, so I can go row boating. I have some friends who don't live in Oregon. I write letters to them describing where I live. They said they want to live here. I would really like to stop the pollution and litter in Clatsop County. Tourists can be so careless! I see litter everywhere! Every year the fourth, or fifth grade clean up Gearhart. That helps. I would like the future to be nice for my children and their children.



Hi, my name is Juston Thomas Bowman. I'm going to talk about my life in Clatsop County. I live up on Ridge Drive right behind Gearhart Elementary school. I'm going to be moving to Seaside's newest development. My family and I are building a house up there by the church and Seaside Heights road. Ms. Nichols is my fifth grade teacher as I write this. My dad is a police officer for Gearhart. He is the police chief. His police car is a cool Jeep. He has six other police officer in Gearhart Gearhart is not a very crimeful city. But in the summer he can get very busy. He has to deal with all kind of crimes like stalking, domestic disputes, and stealing. I hope that in the future all these crimes and a lot of the others will stop. So that we can have a better future for our kids

The End

Juston Bowman
fifth grade
Gearhart School

What My Life Is Like In Clatsop County 1994!

My name is Jasmine Elizabeth Maddock, I just moved from Corvallis, Oregon. I live in Cullaby Lake with my mom and my sister. I like it in Clatsop County and so does my family. I was born in Alaska so I enjoy going to the beach. Everything has work out for our family. My mom likes her job at the hospital, my sister likes Broadway School, and I like Gearheart Elementary. My sister and I are also on a girls Classic Soccer team.

The reason I like it in Clatsop-County so much is because everyone is so honest here, and my family likes it here too! I have made nice friends at Gearheart School, and like my fifth grade teacher, Ms. Nichols.

Jasmine Elizabeth Maddock
Fifth Grade
Gearheart School

What I Think Should Be Changed

My name is Jennifer Dawn Sisley. I live in Clatsop County. I am ten years old. When I grow up I would like to see a few things changed. First, I think that we should really try to stop the pollution in Clatsop County. When I drive on the road I see trash from all kinds of places like McDonalds, Burger King, and Taco Time. I also see candy wrappers, chip bags, and lolly pop sticks. I think that we should stop polluting so that when our children grow up they can have a beatiful Clatsop County to live in.

The next thing I would like to change would be the killing of animals in Clatsop County. Like at Haystack Rock there are many different kinds of animals but they are beginning to go away because careless people jump around on the rocks, step on them, and kill them. Those are some things I think should be changed.

By. Jennifer Dawn Sisley
fifth grade
Gearhart School

What I Would Contribute To Clatsop County

My name is Jordan Jeffery Ter Har. I live in Surf Pines and I go to Gearhart Elimentary School. I am ten years old and I have two sister and one brother.

I think there should be solar or electric cars and gas cars be eliminated off of the county's roads. When ever my family has a beach party its hard to find a spot because of all the garbage. So I think there should be five beach cleanups a year.

With all the bad weather we have during winter here I think there should be a place to go and have fun So I would design an Aquatic Center somewhere in Clatsop plains. There would be five wild, long water slides, a big wave pool, a whirl pool, a kid pool with ship in the middle with water guns, a water bubble, a sky high diving board and of course a waiding hot tub. Also, it would have a great big snack bar. I think these ideas will make Clatsop County a better place.

Jordan Ter Har fifth grade
Gearhart School

What My Life Is Like in Clatsop County in 19

My name is Anna Smith and I live in Gearhart, Oregon at 516 "A" street. I enjoy it here in Gearhart. It is peaceful and quiet. There are a whole bunch of places that I like to go, like the Pacific Way Bakery. One of my friends lives there. She owns the shop. She has three black scottie dog. Another good friend of mine is Canning Frankes. She is a great actor and has a good voice. She was Annie in the Annie play in Cannon Beach last year and she is Annie again in this years Annie play.

I also like going to the beach which is only a block away. One time we found a baby seal pup alive on the shore!! I was really cute. I wanted to take it home. I like going to Curs. It is a grocery store on my block. I go there mostly to by candy. I know mostly all the people who work there. I also like going to the Great Shop and the Naturalist. They are little gift shops where I buy birthday presents. There is also a motel in Gearhart and an apartment complex. I have to say that I love liking in Gearhart, and wouldn't enjoy living any where else.

Anna K. Smith
fifth grade
Gearhart School

Libby Baum
5 Nichols
Gearhart School

What My Life is Like in 1994

My name is Libby Leigh Baum. I livt in Gearhart, Oregon, and I live with my mom and my dad, and two of my three older brothers, and my two dogs, Sammy and Donino. In my spare time (witch I hardly have anymore) I like to ride my bike, go over to Brittany's house to play with her, roller blade, play nintendo, and watch T.V. For every day of the week except Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday I go to ballet and jazz classes. Someday I hope to be a professional dancer, and get paid lots of money. My ears are pierced and I am 10 years old. Some of my best friends are Lindsey, Brittany, Janna, Carly, Jennifer, Remy, and my baby cousin, Elizabeth, who lives in New York. That is what my life is like in 1994.

My contribution to Clatsop County will be for keeping the Sahhalie condominiums from being built.

One reason I believe the condominiums should not be built is because there is a blue heron nesting place on the premises.

Then, of course, there's litter. People throw things on the streets like candy wrappers, McDonald's and Burger King cartons, bottles, and cigarette stumps. Tourists litter all sorts of junk and they think it's all right because they've never been here before. They think they don't have to abide by our rules.

There are also Indian artifacts on this land. They are planning to cover it with asphalt, then steamroll it into a parking lot. They don't care about the past - they just care about the future.

That is my conclusion for what I will do for Clatsop County, Oregon when I grow up.

By Joseph W. Taft

Hello my name is Anna Shumaker I live on Picifie Way in Gearhart in Oregon. When I grow up I would like less poltution in Clatsop County. I would like to seeless poltution because on my way to school sometimes I stop to look in te pond but instead of seeing nice clean water I see cans, glass bottles, candy wrapers, and other tings I don't want to see. I see a lof of pollution and littering is on my way to Seaside or Astoria. At the Liberty they have a fish pond. When I look in it I see garbage in it. One day I even saw a dead fish.

On the beach I saw some six pack plastic rings that fish or birds could get caught in, so I took it home and broke the loops but nobody can cut all the loops.

When our kids or we grow up I want to live in a halthy envionment. I don't want to see trash, dead fish, or other things Like that. People are ruining the dunes by walking through them and by picking the flowers. It would be nice to have the earth like it was when the Indians lived here. Here is a list of things you can do to help.

- recycle cans
- cut the loops in 6 packs
- don't drive when you can walk
- and most of all don't litter.

That is what I would like to see happen instead of all the litter I see now

JOHN JACOB ASTOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Students:

Abbey Sherman
Kilee Johnson
Katie Johnson
Else Wieseke
Anna Henningsgaard
Adrianne Cutlip
Rex Olson
Brian Hutchinson
Nathalie Matson
Ben Wintermute

Teachers:

Terry Arnall
Mark Fich
Ernie Atkinson
Tom Wilson
JoAnn Osborn

Principal: Judy Bigby

My Life in Clatsop County Now

I like living here there
is alot to see and do
like visit the Astor Colum-
n, go the Regatta. My
favorite thing to do is
watch the sunset at
Peter Iredale.

Alot happen this year.
The Astor Column turned
68. The Cathedral tree
became a city park.
The Regatta had it's 100th
aniversery.

This is a very nice
place to live and visit.
Well at least I think
so.

There are alot places
to go fishing and crabing
many people come here
for fishing.

Abbey Sherman
Astor School

What my life is like in Clatsop County in the year 1994.

Adri Cutlip 10-9-94

I attend John Jacob Astor Elementary school. There's six grades at our school, kindergarten through 5th grade. From our school you can see the Columbia River. In 1992 the movie called Kindergarten Cop was filmed at our school. Many movies have been filmed in Clatsop County. The Columbia River is still clear and not polluted. Trees are growing everywhere in Clatsop County, most of the lands are owned by private companies. There are lots of Possum's, Raccoon's, Deer and Elk.

Clam digging is not allowed on our beaches, because the clams are full of toxins caused by something called a red tide.

The Columbia River has lots of hatchery grown silver salmon, but hardly any wild chinook salmon. In my ten years I think Clatsop County is a nice place to live.

Adrianne Cutlip
Astor's Elementary
Mr. Wilson 4th Grade

WHAT MY LIFE IS LIKE IN CLATSOP COUNTY IN THE YEAR 1994.

My name is Kilee Johnson and I'm nine years old. It's the year 1994. I have been living in Clatsop County all of my life.

We get to enjoy all of the seasons. In summer we have lots of sunny days. In the Fall we usually have a beautiful Indian summer. In the Winter we get alot of rain and if we're lucky we get a few days of snow. In Astoria we have great hills to slide down. In the Spring we get alot of rain mixed in with a few sunny days.

My dad owns a Outdoor Sporting Goods business named Link's Outdoor. Alot of people in Clatsop County are loggers and fishermen. Clatsop County is known for beauty which includes rivers for fishing, woods for hiking and the Pacific Ocean for beachcombing. We have several beaches. One of the most popular is Cannon Beach. Thousands of people visit Cannon Beach just to see Haystack Rock.

At my school, John Jacob Astor Elementry, we have good teachers. One of my favorites is my fourth grade teacher, Mr. Wilson. A movie called "Kindergarten Cop", was filmed at our school. Almost every day visitors come to our school to take pictures because they have seen the school in the movie.

I think any visitor who visits Clatsop County will want to come visit again and again.

WRITTEN BY,
Kilee Johnson
Astor Elementry

Rex Olson
What my life is like like in 1994

This is what my life is like in 1994.
I go to school like any other 5th grader. School goes from 8:10 to 2:30 .After school I eat a snack and watch T.V. for 30 minutes. Then I do my paper route. After my route I call my friend Jake to see if he can play. If he can, I ride my bike over to his house and we play in the woods by his house.When that gets boring ,I go to the store and buy some candy and we watch some T.V. Then my Mom calls and I have togo home and eat dinner. After dinner,Ido my homework. When Im done with my homework. I start getting ready for school. Then I go to bed.

This is a typical day for me.

What My Life Is Like in Clatsop County in the year 1994.

My name is Katie Johnson. I am 10 1/2 years old and in the fifth grade. Astor Elementary is where I go to school. Art is my favorite subject because all the other subjects are harder.

Reading is one of my favorite things to do. I usually read one or two books a week.

I like animals, espesialy horses. My family has two cats and a dog. The dogs name is Peggy and the cats name's are Limo and Salty.

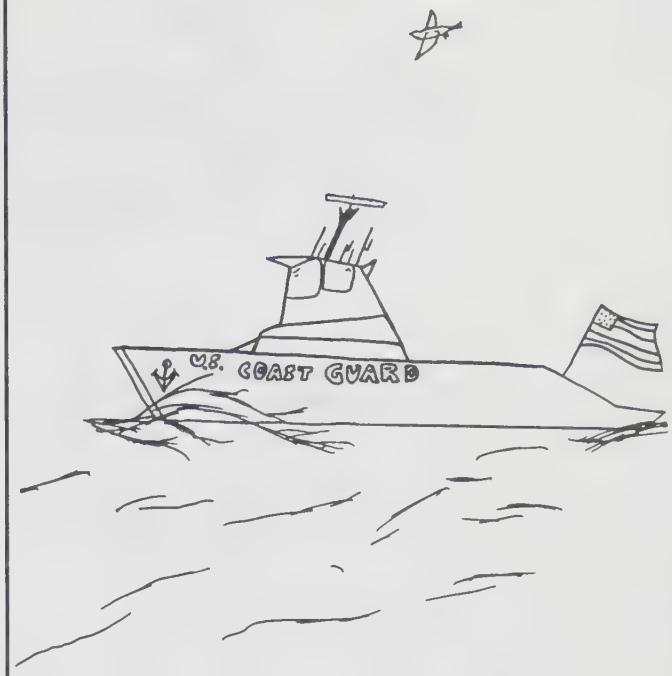
After school I usually read, ride bikes, do my homework, or play with my friends.

Winter is my favorite season because it sometimes snows and Christmas and my birthday are in it.

During the summer I like to swim and play softball.

That is what my life is like in Clatsop County in the year 1994.

By: Katie Johnson



Brian Hutchinson
9
Astor School

Else Wieseke
Astor School
Mr. Arkinson
Grade 3

Astoria 94

Hi! I'm Else Wieseke.
I have lived in Astoria all my lifed. I share my house with my mom, brother and sister. I am nine years old and go to Astor School. I'm in the third grade in Mr. Atkinson's. My home is an old two story wite house. My house is in a very old neighborhood. My family has many pets four frogs, four cats, a dog and a Iguana. My cat is the smallest of the four. she is a bandit. She steals things and hides them. even takes baby pacifiers.

Astoria is a small communit. Alot of the people fish of Log for a livirg. It is a quiet place to Live but it is a friendly town.

My family town is part of a neighborhood watch. I help - clean up the neighborhood and at Christmas and Thanksgiving we make gift baskets for poor people or people who can't git out. In spare time, I Like Reading walking on the beach and watching movies.

"What I think life will be like in Clatsop County in 2004"

I think life in Clatsop County could be great if we all pitched in on helping the enviroment. There would be tons of salmon in the rivers and elk in the forests. There would always be clean, fresh air and beautiful parks. Springs would be full of beautiful flowers and summers full of warm days. The Astor Column would be restored and the Cathedral Tree would be a national park. The Maritime Museum and the Flavel House would be famous. The Columbia River would be clean and beatiful.

Nathalie Matson
Oct. 10, 1994
Astor

Anna Henningsgaard
Age 9 1/2
Astor School

Ben Wintermute
Astor School
Mr. Arkinson
Grade 3

October 1994

My life in orogon. My hobbies are that I like to play sports like Basketball, Baseball and football. I might get into the movies. We have connections with Warner Brothers. our home was in Free Willie #1 and 2. I got to be an extra, and a photo doubel and also a stand-in it was very fun and I got meet nice people. I liked everyone that was ther.

I got my favorite teacher in the whole school. He likes me alot too. My family got a new puppy two months ago. Her name is Sadie. She likes to play. I like her a whole lot!

I love my mom and dad so much. They are the best parents in the whole world. I like my brothers They are pretty cool. Oh and I have another dog named Duster. She is a good dog because she never bites

LEWIS AND CLARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Students:

Jonathan Pavitt
Kory Knutinen
Woody Smith
Micah White
Elizabeth Fagin
Orbelin Torres
Juliann Nelson
Anna Sorto
Emma Trepanier
Taryn Arnold
Cherelle Nielsen

Teachers:

Jan Boyd
Lorrie Morris

Principal: Gary Sunderland

Jonathan
Pavitt

What is my life like in Clatsop County in 1994?

I can see the River every
day. My life here is very nice.
It is beautiful when the sun
is shining on the water.
The land is nice, the trees
are beautiful and so are the mountains.
It's fun to play in the ocean.
The Ocean shoutd stay clean
so the fish can swim in
the water and so the people can
swim in the Ocean.
I hope it is like this in 2044.
Clatsop Conty is a good
place to live in 1994.

Juliann
Nelson

What my life is like in Clatsop County '94'

I think that we live in a beautiful
place, it's clean, it's kindofsafe, it's not
really crowded, and its peacful, especially
at night.

It's usually rainy, or foggy, sometimes
sunny, and sometimes muggy. Theris
lot's of birds out in the country. Down
in the country its also cold in the winter.

Sometimes I think that I don't
like Astoria because I think other
places are cooler, but I like still like
Astoria anyway. A little ways in the
country there is a place called Fort Clatsop,
when you get there, they take you on a
tour like how the setterlers survived.

They take you to a log cabin, like
the setterlers used Then they show you how
they made candles, and other things.
It's neat. I hope that Astoria will
stay the same.

I like Clatsop County I like
it because it is clean and fresh.
I'm 9 years old and I like to play
with my friends and go on trips.
I like to go to the Museums and
look at the boats and stuff. I like
to ride my bike on the trails and
rollor blade. I also like to build
because I'm good at it and that
it is fun. I like to go swimming
and jumping on my giant
trampaling.

Kory Knutinen

Anna Sorto
10/6/94

Maybe Clatsop Conty will be a bigger place in year 2044.
Maybe it will be more beautiful then now.
Right now Clatsop County is pretty big but maybe it
will be more bigger in year 2044.
I like the weather alot in 1994.
I like in the year 1994 in Clatsop County.
Clatsop County is a good place to live.
Clatsop County is very peacful and friendly.
I like turtles, fish and other sea mammals! here
in Clatsop County.
I like our summer in 1994.
I hope there will be more animals and mamm
als in year 2044.

This is Clatsop County's birthday and I will tell you about my life here.

I came to Astoria two years ago from Gresham, Oregon.

My family came to live here because my mom and dad bought Emerald Heights.

From my backyard, I can see the river and the bridge. On the river I can see many ships going by. Some of them are going up the river to Portland. On Sunday morning we saw a very large cruise ship. It was the largest ship I have ever seen on the river. I can see Washington State on the other side of the river too.

I can also hear the sea lions barking at night. They are very noisy. They live on some rocks near Astor School.

For the last two years I went to Astor School but I was transfered here to Lewis and Clark School.

The winters are very nice and not so cold. The first year here there was lots of snow. and it rains a lot sometimes.

The summer when school is out is lots of fun and not too hot and not much rain. I like to play in the trees around my house. I also like to go hiking in the woods and ride my bike in the forest trails.

I enjoy living here in the county where I always see the sceneries and hear all the living creatures around me.

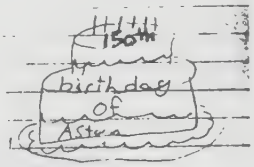
10-4-94 Woody Smith

Clatsop County 150 Birthday

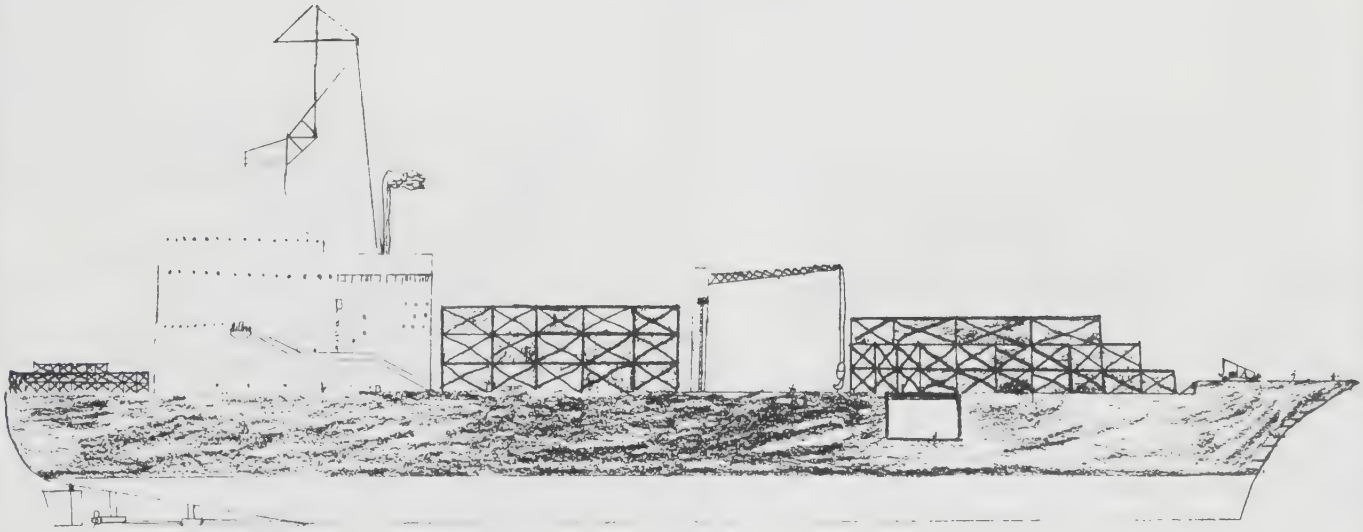
I want to live in this county because it is a nice place. It is beatiful and pritty. I want my children to grow up here because it has a lot of space and things to do. I want to live in the same place because I'v got a rope swing and a tree bent over a creek like a brige and lots of trails. It is fun.

I want to be a Marinebiologist or own a ranch with cows, pigs, horses, cats, dogs, and chikens. I want two kids and one a gril and one a boy there names will be Mike Bryon and Kelly rose. I want them to go to the same school. I want them to have a good education and good kids. I hope me and all of my friends still get to gether when we get older.

The End



By Emma Trepanier



Micah White
10-4-94
4th Grade

Taryn Arnold
10-4-04

In year 2044 I hope it will be as crautiful as it is now is now, but if not I hope it will be more beautiful. Maybe it will not be beautiful maybe it will be like Portland. It could be bigger or smaller or the same. Clatsop Country is beatiful I hope it never changes. Where I live its peaceful and quiet. I hope some things change but most don't.

Theres not as many people here as most places. I like the weather very much. Its sunny in the summer and cold in the winter. The on, I dont like is it doesnt snow very often and when it does its only about an inch. I realy like it here and in 2044 I hope its the same.

Elizabeth Fagin

What I think is in store for Oregon future!

Elizabeth Fagin

I would like to tell you what I think is in store for Oregon future.

In the year 2044 I think our area will have more building, and fewer trees in the city, and more building in the country, and more people. There will be more landmark for Oregon history, and I hope that in the future there will be Disney land!

I hope some thing stay and some thing change, but I like living in Clatsop County just the way it is. WOW!

Cherelle Nielsen

In What Way Will I Help Clatsop County,

My name is Cherelle Nielsen. I'm nine years old. Clatsop County is a beautiful place now but when I'm older what will it look like then?

If I was to help Clasop County I would Call Bill Clinton and ask him if he would have a 6,000 fund for litlittering. I would grow more flowers. I would make more houses, and schools, and jobs.

I really will help Clatsop County. I promise I will make it beautiful. I will make more houses, and schools, and jobs.

by
Cherelle
Nielsen

When I grow up I'll be in a helicopter of the Coast Guard.
I'll be in the middle of the beach helping the old people to the hospital
When I fly up I'll seeboats in the ocean too.
I have seen the helicopter flying over the river.
This is a good place to live in Clatsop County.

Orbelin Torres

CAPTAIN ROBERT GRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Students:

Kyle Bryan
Kevin Anderson
Crystal Fields
Jennifer Yokes
Erica Angus
Amanda Stryczek
Jeremy Karby
Sara Morrissey
Michella Hinchman
Ellissa Hinderliter
James Noah DeCost
Ryan Padgett

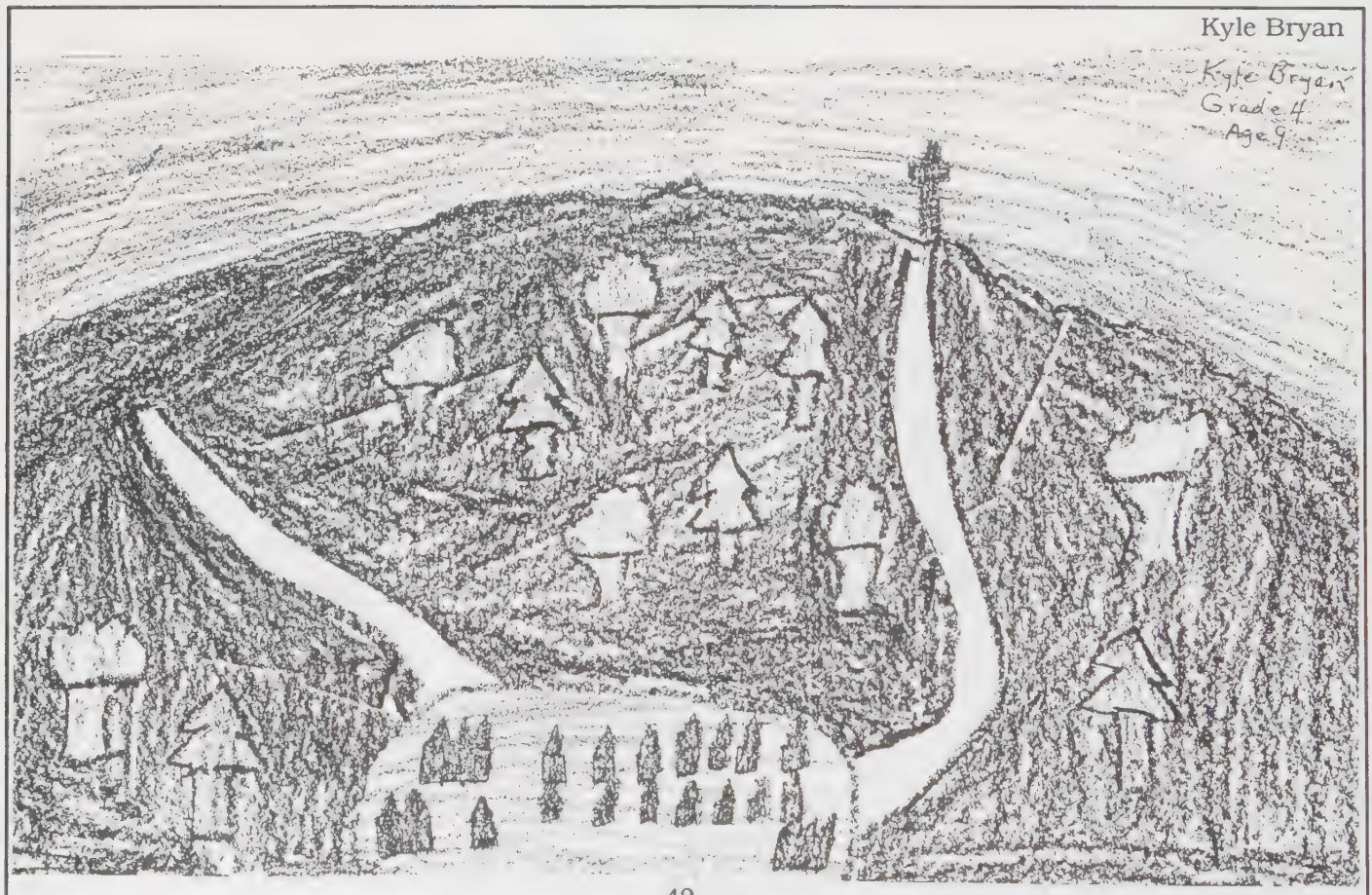
Teacher: Kathy Ray

Principal: Scott R. Lane

In Clatsop County now, people don't take care of things. I wish they did that way Clatsop county would look very nice. Clatsop County should have a walk athon where every mile you walk something is donated to cherity.

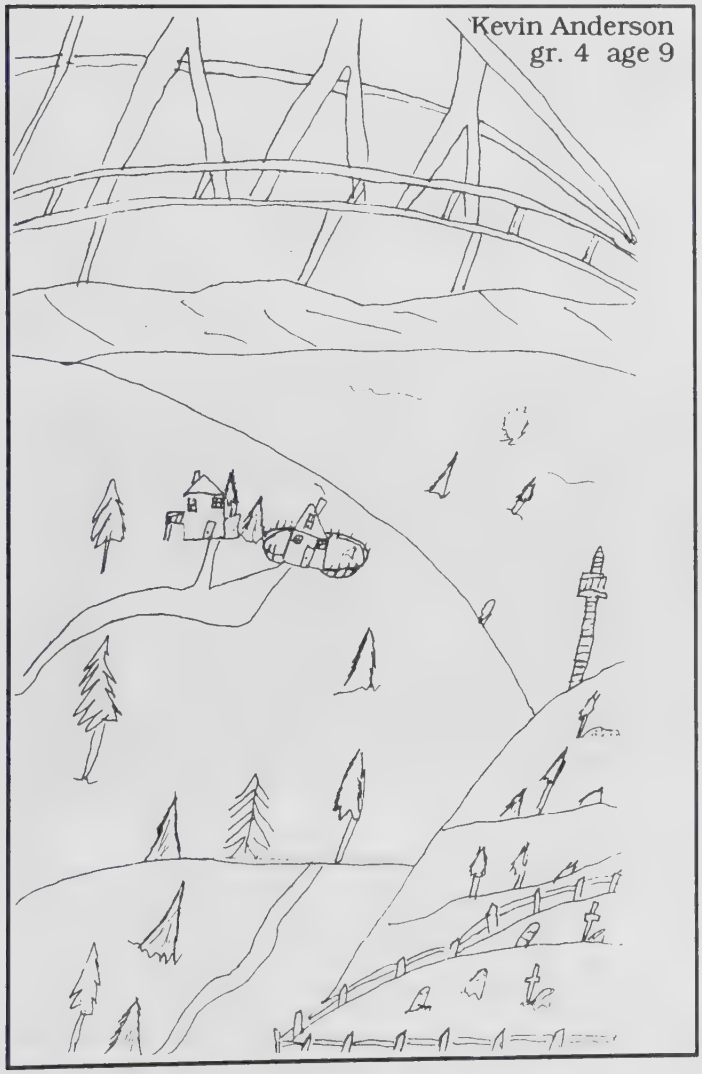
I really like living here you can walk along the beach, play all types of sports that are very fun. I think in the year 2044 that the things that are here will be better but not the same. I think you'll like Clatsop County. I know I do.

Kyle Bryan
Grade 4
Age 9

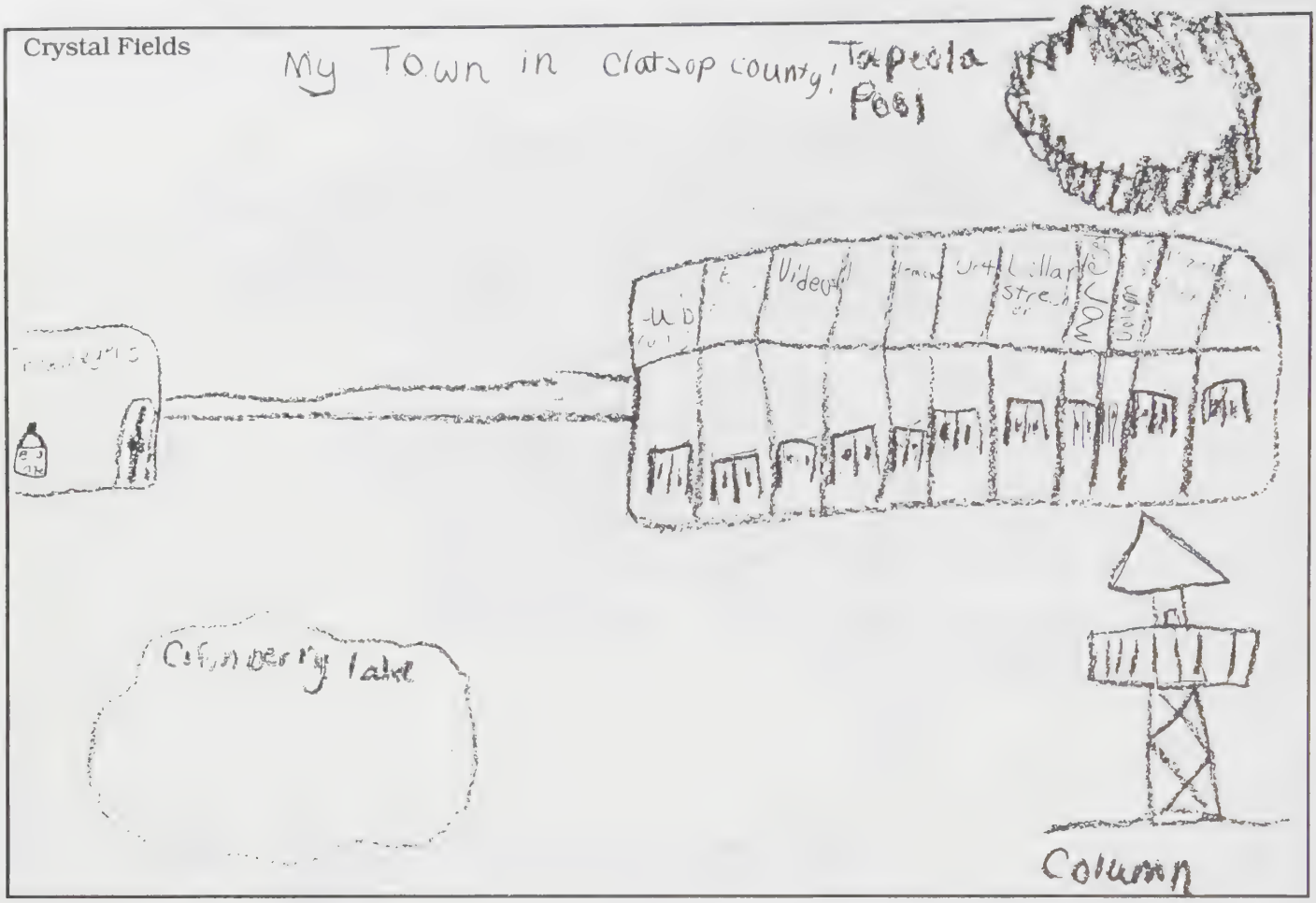


My life in Clatsop County in 1994 is
a lot of fun. I like to play baskitball, soccer,
Football, baseball, tennes, table tennes, badminton,
forsquare and tethere ball. In my spare time at
home I will watch tv, play on Nintendo, read, play
on the computer and play. On vacation I
went to Maui it was super and I went
to Oahu it was terrible one night me and
my sister had to go to Burger King and my
mom and dad had to have scramble eggs for
dinner. While I am in school some of the
topic I study are Math, English, Read,
penmanship and study about ocean.

By Jeremy Karby
Grade 4



Crystal Fields



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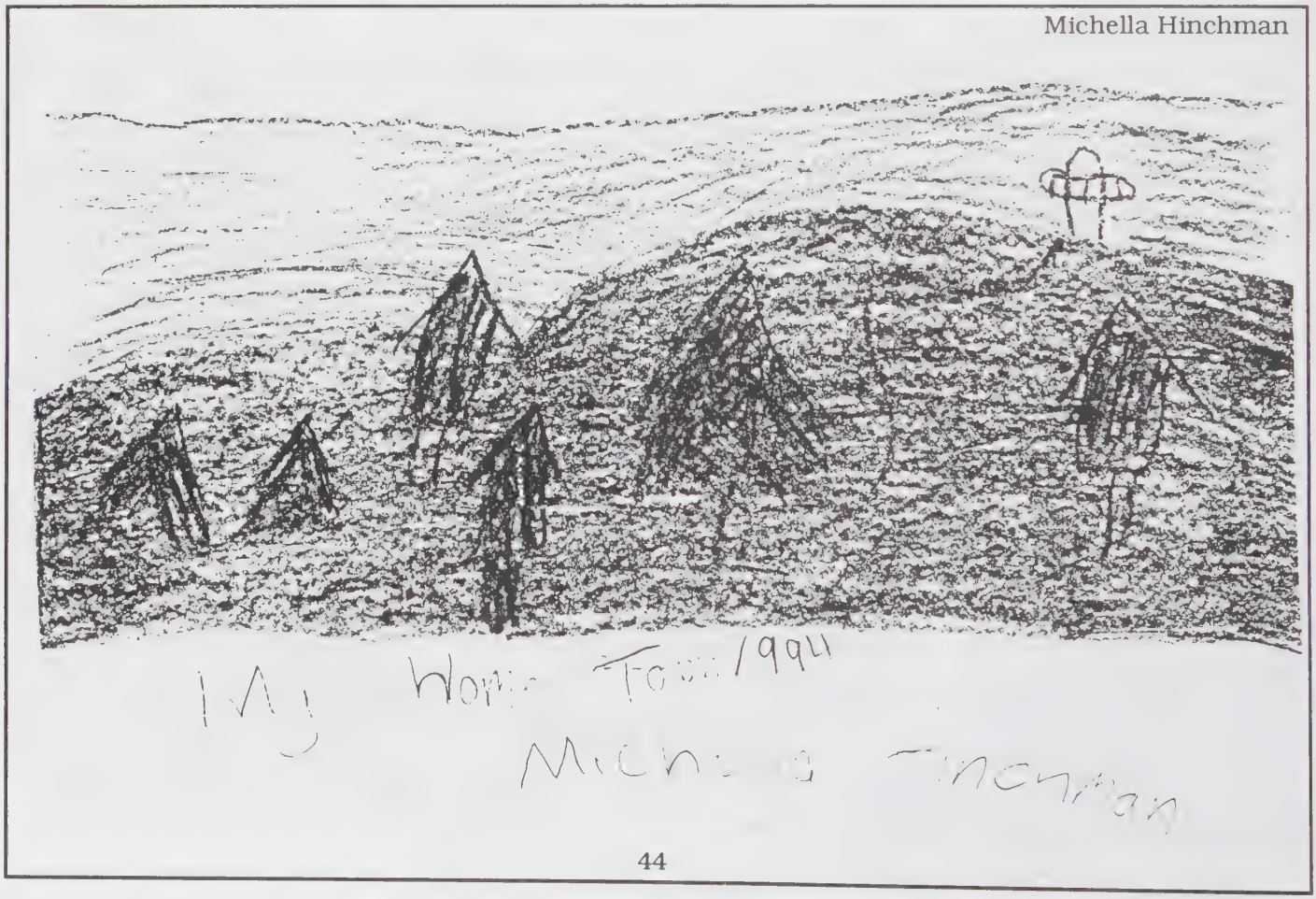
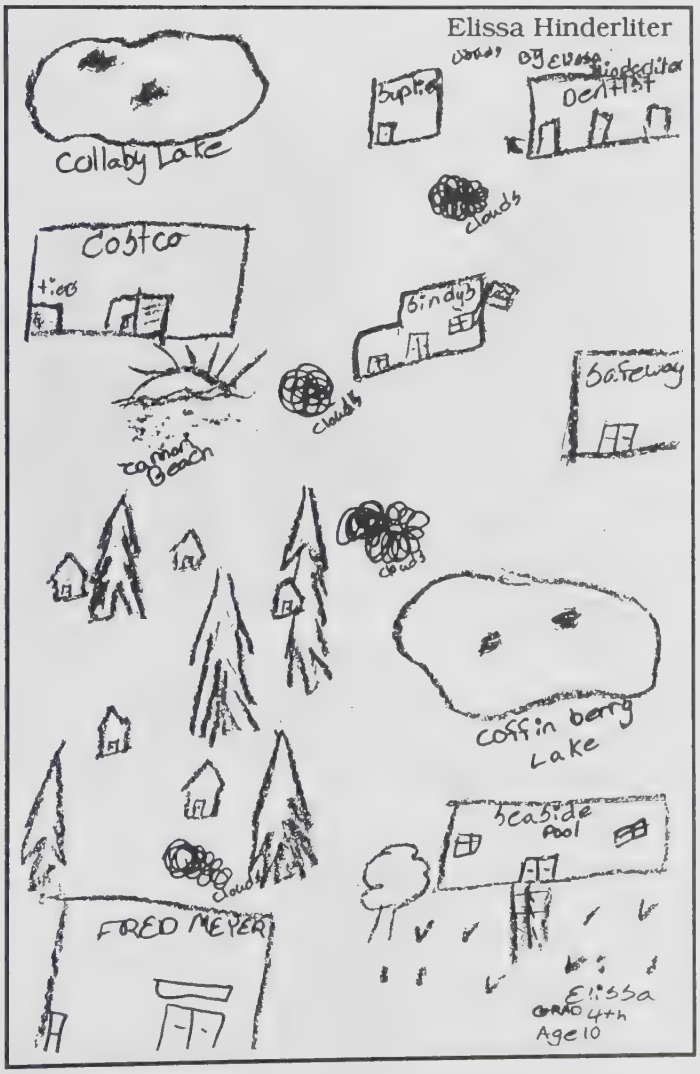
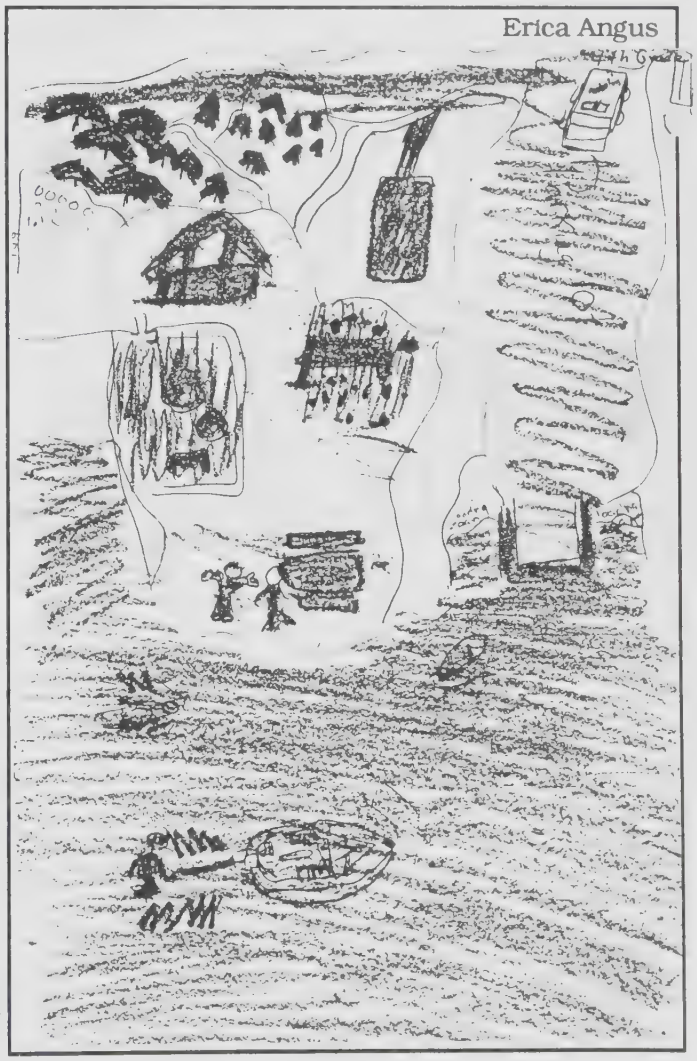


What life in Clatsop County will be like in 2044

In the year 2044 they might find out that there is buried treasure in Cannon Beach. Seaside might have under ground caves where pirates use to live. They might build cabins on Cannon Beach. Astoria may build 12 museums with dinosaurs, space ship, and other things. Knappa might build a Target store. I think Clatsop County will stay a great place to live and Westport might build even more and bigger schools. Astoria might even build more camp grounds. The water in Cannon Beach might be very clean and not polluted. Seaside might build a ice skating rink and they get more arcades and more rides at the Astoria fair.

Jennifer Yokes
Age 9 Gray school, 4th grade





What life in Clatsop County will be like in 2044

There will probably be
thing's that run on solar energy
and electricity
and there won't be any
crimes. Hopefully
No wars everybody
will know everybody
on their street.

It's going to be our
generation to make
it right. There will
be stricter laws

James Noah DeCost
1994 10 years old
4rth grade

What life in Clatsop County will be like in 2044

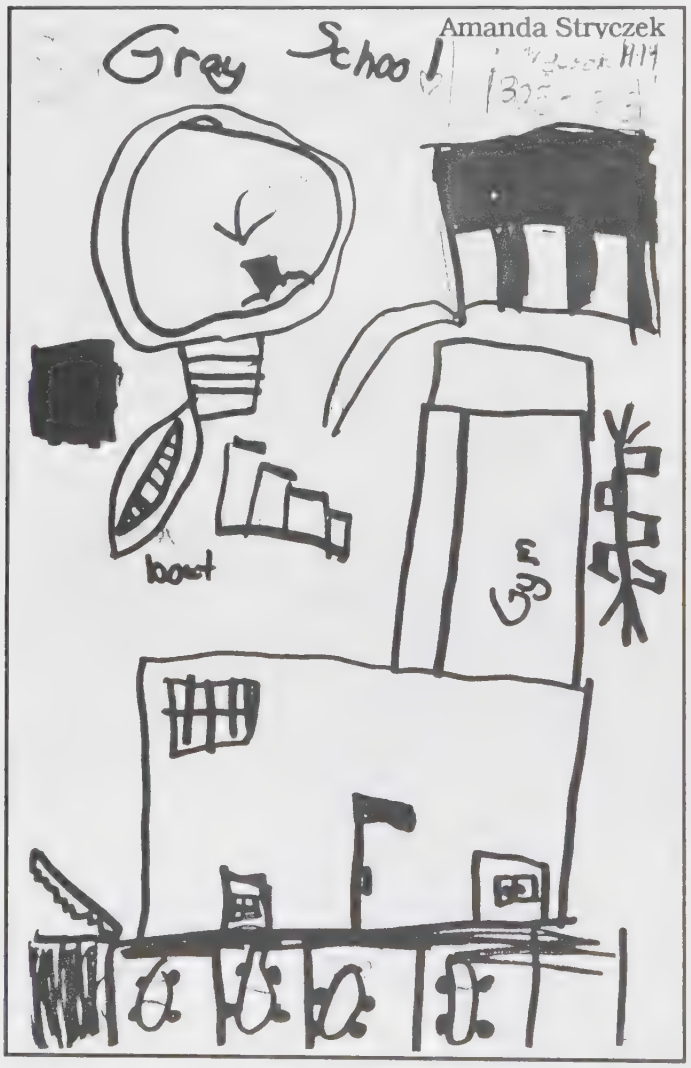
by Sara Morrissey 4th grade 9 1/2

Astoria: It'll have a J.C. Pennys, Target, Fred Myers, Cosco and little shops. Plus a pool that's covered big cool schools and fun places to hang out.

Houses: mansions and huge yards.
Cars: you could ride on top.

Money: little green pills.
Food: pills of packets which come in the mail.
Clothing: Thing like today but like for inctence: Jeans with zippers all the way down the legs, 3-D shirts or shoes on springs and the coolest things.

I guess thats all I can fit so thanks for seeing my way of the year 2044!



ASTORIA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students:

Amor Estandian
Angela MacLean
Chris Holmstedt
Katrina Dawson
Stephanie Wilson
Valerie Landwehr
Shawn Kelley
Emily Fagin
Lacey Hoyer
Victoria Sage

Teachers:

Mrs. Kraai
Carol Olson
Colleen Keenan
Mollie Hunter

Principal: Beverly Sept

My Life In Clatsop County In The Year 1994

By Amor Estandian

Hi. My name is Amor Estandian. Have you ever really thought about what your life is like? I am writing this essay about my life in Clatsop County. I was born here in Astoria in the year 1982. My parents and my sisters were born in the Phillipines. In the year 1973, my parents and sisters came from the Phillipines to America. I am twelve years old now and will be sixty-two by the year 2044.

I enjoy playing basketball, video games, watching television, building models, collecting comic books, and collecting basketball cards.

Right now, our president is Bill Clinton; the vice president is Al Gore.

There are a lot of things going on in this world, such as the war on drugs, the O.J. Simpson case, pollution, and endangered species. A couple of endangered species are salmon and the Spotted Owl. They are endangered because we are destroying the forests and polluting the water. We can reduce the number of animals that are dissappearing by recycling so we don't have to use a lot of paper which is made out of trees. And, we can try not to pollute as much.

Home Improvement is a very popular television show. Country is a popular kind of music. And, rollerblading is a well known activity.

In the future, when I have children, I would like them to see a drug free world with no violence, and cleaner waters. If we start cleaning the oceans and recycling more, maybe our children and our children's children can live better lives.

This essay is about my past, my present, and what I hope for in the future for Clatsop County and for the Earth. Thank you.

My Life In Clatsop County

by Valerie Landwehr

A lot of things are happening in 1994 in Clatsop County.

My name is Valerie, and the year is 1994. I live in Clatsop County with my parents, Arlene and Bill, my sister Amy, and my cat, Percy. I enjoy school and my two favorite subjects are math and computers. My other interests and hobbies are stunt kite flying on the beach, computers, reading, and crafts, especially working with clay.

There are a lot of reasons why Clatsop Coutnty is very unique. For one thing there are beaches close by where you can get a suntan, swim, have a picnic, fly kites, or just have fun. There are also several biking and hiking trails out at Fort Stevens. And there is a hiking trail up to the Astoria Column that tells the Lewis & Clark expedition story. There are over one-hundred-fifty steps that go to the top; where on a nice day, it seems like you can see forever.

There are also a lot of events that happen in Clatsop County, Astoria to be exact. There is the Artwalk in which a lot of galleries are open. On 10th street there are a lot of activities and booths. For of the main activities, kids can paint pictures on the street in an assigned square. Then, there is the Scandinavian Festival where people from all over come to see Scandinavian dancing from the five different Scandinavian countries, taste Scandinavian food, and buy Scandinavian crafts. In addition, there is the Regatta where there are four princesses chosen from all over Clatsop County. One becomes queen.

Clatsop County has also played a part in Hollywood. Several movies and commercials have been filmed in Clatsop County such as: Free Willy I and II, Short Circut II, Kindergarten Cop, and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles III, to name a few.

There are some not-so-good things happening in Clatsop County. For one thing, the Spotted Owl and the salmon have been put on the endangered species list. Hopefully that will be all cleared up by the year 2044.

And there are many more things I don't have time to tell you. Bye!

A LIFE IN CLATSOP COUNTY IN 1994

Hello. My name is Amy McKingsly and this is Eye to Eye. Today we will take you back to the year of 1994 which was the year they buried the Sesquicentennial Time Capsule. The reason we are letting you relive the year 1994, is so that you can see what it was like then. Many kids wrote stories about Clatsop County for the capsule. We are going to share a few things from a story. The story we will look at tonight is Angela MacLean's.

Angela was a seventh grade student at Astoria Middle School. Angela had lived in Clatsop County for seven years with her Dad, Mom, younger Brother, and older Sister. Angela said her life in Clatsop County is exciting. The best part is living near the beach of the mighty Pacific Ocean. The beaches were clean here because volunteers helped keep them up. Some of the things that you could do there were to surf, body board, horse back ride, sandsculpt, fly kits, play volleyball, or comb the beach.

Another thing that was neat was to see the ships transporting things up and down the Columbia River. The Columbia River is the same river that was important in the Lewis and CLark Expedition. Because of their travels, Clatsop County had a lot of historical background. You could learn about his background at Fort Clatsop and the Astoria Column. Besides those, she said, there was Fort Stevens State Park (a campground) and the Maritime (boat) Museum, which is on the Columbia River.

She thought 1994 was special because an asteroid hit Jupiter's rings.

Tune in tommorrow for another exciting adventure into the year 1994. This is Amy McKingsly saying goodnight.

By Angela MacLean
October 4, 1994
Language Arts - Ms Kraai

Life In Clatsop County
Shawn Kelley

Your about to read a paper about my life. My name is Shawn Kelley. I live in Clatsop County, and the year is 1994. I was born on October 31, 1980. I am 13 and will be 14 soon. I have two brothers and one sister.

I have many hobbies but my favorite ones are baseball, basketball, badmitten, and football. I am on the Astoria Middle School football team, and we hope to go 5 and 0.

Right now the beaches are very beautiful. The sand is very soft and when the clear waters hit the shore it sounds like heaven.

The beach is not the only neat things. So is the forests, the bright colors of the birds and there chirping is a beautiful sound to hear.

Also Bill Clinton has invited Cubans to are country but now he is demanded that no more come over.

My life in Clatsop County has been a struggle but in the year 2044 when I am old and read this I will be very happy with myself.

Chris Holmstedt — Clatsop County Essay 9-28-94

What Life In Clatsop County Will Be Like In 2044.

Anthony woke up Monday morning, and looked out his window and stared at the cloud of smog that lay above the roof of his house. He got dressed and got ready for school. Anthony has to walk because budget cuts have forced buses to be eliminated. He walked past the mall downtown and took a stroll past the five story business that are residing on his daily voyage to school. He watched someone get mugged as he crossed the street. Through a chain link fence, Anthony could see kids his own age standing around allies that had no destiny to go to school or do anything for that matter. He had heard stories of when there used to be forest space around here. He listened to the constant ringing of cellular phones, trying desperaterly to find shade from the heat. He walked passed the mayor with his countless assistants trying hopelessly to get things back to the way they were in 1994. He was learning in history how there used to be something called the "ozone layer." He watched somebody drive recklessly down the crowded streets, probably with a slight hangover. He saw someone selling the cure for AIDS on the side of the streets. It worked.

Tourists took snapshots of the populated streets to keep for the wonderful memories of their journey to the Oregon Coast. Anthony watched a business tycoon talk into a computer as the words came upon the screen. Through the window of a drug store, he could see another business man in a meeting through VIA satellite.

When Anthony finally got to school, he entered his smallest class with 54 kids in it. Budget cuts took their toll on teachers, so classes are taught with computers. Yes, life as we know it in Clatsop County will change, maybe for better, maybe for worse, we'll see.

Dear Clatsop County Resident of 2044,

Hello, my name is Emily Fagin. The year is 1994; and I live in Clatsop County. What? you say you'd like to hear more about Clatsop County in my time? Are you sure? Well, okay.

Here goes . . . . .

Let me start by telling you about the geography and features of the land. FIrst there's a river going right through Clatsop County called the Columbia River! It's very big, one of the widest in the world in fact! There are a lot of trees, even though logging is one of Clatsop County's biggest industries. What!? You've never seen a tree!? You live in bubbles!? Wow, they must have worked a lot on those Biospheres that are in the news so much! But back to the story. Anyway, the Pacific Ocean borders Clatsop County to the west. We do lots of fun things at the beach like building sand castles, swimming, or just walking in the sand. There are a lot of mountains which include Saddle Mountain, one of my favorites. As you can guess it's shaped like a saddle. You know it? Really? You mean it doesn't look like a saddle anymore!? Oh well, I guess that's just nature weathering it down.

What's next? Oh yes! The industries. The two biggest are probably fishing and logging, but many people have their own businesses. Some people do contracting, sell antiques, manage canaries, or sell books, to name a few.

Now, I'm sure you'd like to hear what people do for fun. Every year lots of people enjoy going to the different festivals and fairs. These festivals include the Crab Festival, the Scandinavian Festival, the Clatsop County Fair, and the Regatta Festival. Every year we choose a Regatta Queen and have a big parade. It's really fun! Besides festivals, there are lots of things to do and places to go regularly, like going to Astoria High football games or visiting Fort Clatsop. The Fort Clatsop Museum tells all about Lewis and CLark's journey to Clatsop County and what life was like at the forts they settled. You can go swimming at Tapiola pool in Tapiola Park. In addition, you can visit Young's River Falls, which is really pretty, but very cold!

Well that's all I can think of to tell you right now so I'm going to close. I hope Clatsop County in 2044 is as much fun as it is in 1994!

Sincerely,
Emily Fagin,
Clatsop County
Resident of 1994

Life In Clatsop County In The Year 2044
By: Katrina Dawson

My name is Katrina Dawson, and I've lived in Clatsop County all my life. I'm writing about what life will be like in 2044.

I think the environment will change a lot. I think people will realize that they are putting bad toxic stuff in the water and too much garbage on the ground for everyone to see. Now-a-days we have lots of drug problems in the world. I think people will smarten up and get rid of them or at least make tougher laws.

Our president is Bill Clinton. I think one day there may be a woman president. I hope so.

Right now the 70's are coming back into style. I think in 2044 there clothing will be weirder then now even.

I think families will a lot closer again. Currently, moms and dads work all the and you never see them. My mom is a housewife. She's really a wonderful mom and friend. I think more moms will be like mine, because in 2044 everything will change.

In 2044 I think there will be less endangered species. People are going to see what they are doing and try to fix it as best they can.

In Clatsop County I love the schools. I think in 50 years they are going to be a lot bigger then they are now. But I like the schools here because the kids are pretty nice, not all, but most. Some just ruin it all by making trouble as much as they can.

I love to swim now, but only in a pool. I wouldn't swim in the river if I had to, it's pretty gross. I think and hope they will clean up the river.

Once a year we have a celebration called Regatta. We have a big parade with clowns and floats. On the last day of the celebration we have a boat parade and fireworks at night. My dad happens to be the one to push the barge, with the fireworks on it, out in water, in a big tug boat, usually. We bring tons of people, not all the time.

There's really not all that much to Astoria. But we have a big column called The Astor Column; people are always up at the top. But other wise, nothing much is here. I think it will all be much bigger and better in 2044!

The rain here in Clatsop County will never lessen I bet. But thats okay, most of us Oregonians have gotten used to our "liquid sunshine." I guess it kinda works it's way into you and makes those rare sunshiny days a little happier.

At least the rain is good for something, our trees! There most be over 2,000 trees in Clatsop County. If you climbed the Astor Column you can miles and miles of trees. In the forests of Clatsop County wildlife is plentiful but the number is slowly shrinking You can still see an elk herd moving across the road, and even a coyote now and then, or come back from duck honting with a meal made for a King but its not like it used to be.

Mabye Clatsop County will never change but if it does mabye they'll have this or another paper to remeber how it used to be by.

Stacey Hoyer

Stephanie Wilson

I have lived in Clatsop County my whole life, and I like almost everything there is to do here. Our house overlooks the Youngs Bay River and the Youngs Bay Bridge, and in the evenings sometimes we see the most beautiful sunsets. And, not far from our house is Lapisla Park and Pool. The pool now goes to nine feet, and it is not all that big for most of the kids in Clatsop County. But, in about ten years it will probably grow. Another thing about Clatsop County is that there are a lot of really neat old buildings, most of them were built in the early 1900's.

Our family enjoys walking on the beach and around the South Jetty. We also enjoy going to Fort Stevens State Park to swim, bike ride and picnic. It is also fun to go up to the Astoria Column and look at the beautiful scenery—all of Clatsop County has to offer.

I feel lucky to live in such a beautiful area like our county.

WHAT LIFE IN CLATSOP COUNTY WILL BE LIKE IN 2044

People zip up and down the highway in their shiny new solar-electric powered hover cars at 120 MPH. Pedestrians cross the road on a street lift, much like a ski lift, getting on the seat on one side of the road, and being lifted high above the traffic below, to be deposited on the other side.

Shop owners in the cities advertise their merchandise to people miles away, by lasers writing the messages in the sky.

Children visit the park to play on the self propelled merry-go-round, and to gaze at the Tree. The Tree is the only tree left in Clatsop County. All the others have been chopped down and sent to Japan, who is developing some kind of recyclable car.

We are in Clatsop County in the year 2044. Today is a proud day for me, because my daughter is running for mayor of the booming city of Astoria, and today is election day. The citizens of Astoria no longer have to go to the designated voting building. They can call the city of Astoria's private voting line and vote by phone. The telephones are now more complex than the phones of today. They are called holo-phones, and they show a holographic image of whoever is calling, and of the person on the other side, so it's much more interactive.

In some ways our future might be better than the present, but in other ways, worse. The future will be better technology-wise, but sometimes that isn't always better. Sometimes we just need to stop and smell the roses.

BY VICTORIA SAGE

WARRENTON GRADE SCHOOL

Students:

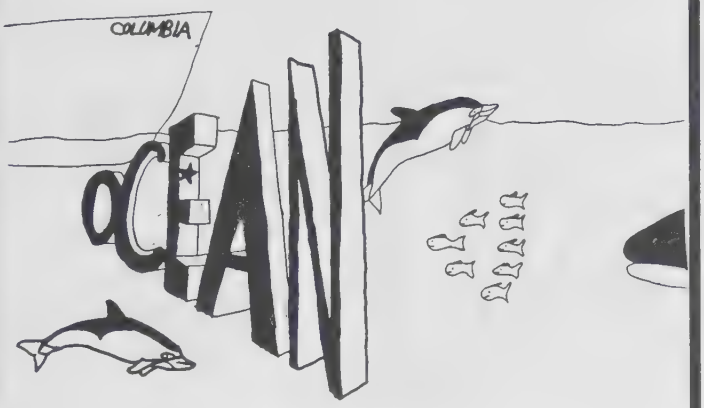
Katie Lane
Doug Stevens
Jonathan Murry
Troy Palmrose
Jolie Rodgers
Molly Young
Adam Elliott
Alison Walter
Chris Peden
Jacob Justice-Smith
Sarah Knippa
Jesse Allgeyer

Teachers:

Mrs. Denny-Floyd
Mrs. Burdette

Principal: Catherine Gach

Katie Lane
7th grade



Adam Elliott
7th grade

Doug Stevens
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Alison Walter
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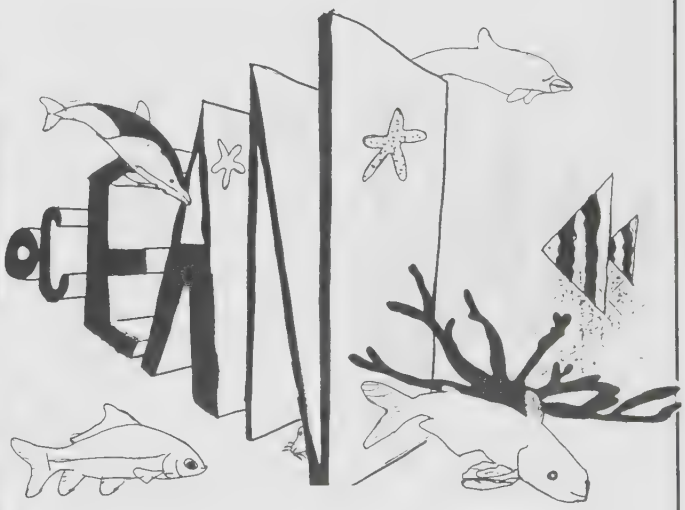

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Chris Peden
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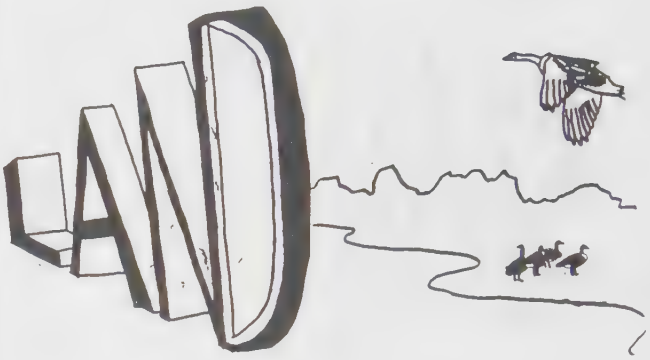

Troy Palmrose
7th Grade

Jacob Justice-Smith
7th Grade

MY LIFE IN CLATSOP COUNTY IN 1994

by Jolie Rodgers

My life in Clatsop County is fun because its fun to go to the beaches and ride your bike on the bike trails. My dad likes to take my sister and I fishing in the Columbia River, but we don't catch much these days. He loves to play baseball with us, but he lives in Seaside and my mom lives in Warrenton. My dad is a log scaler in Astoria.

My mom works at State Farm Insurance in Seaside. She likes to take us shopping and to the movies. Her boyfriend, Donnie, loves dogs so we have a dog. She has just had puppies, eight of them.

Lots of people that live here work on charter boats or shrimp boats, etc. There are lots of sports played here; basketball, baseball, soccer, football and stuff like that.

What Contribution I Will Make for Clatsop County When I Grow Up

by Sarah Knippa

When I grow up, one of the things I'm going to do for Clatsop County is when I vote I'm going to vote for things like more money for schools, more police so there will be less crime, and making criminals stay in jail longer.

I'm also going to make sure the town I live in has a recycling center, and if it doesn't I'm going to write a letter and ask if we can organize one.

Also, since Clatsop County is by the beach, I'm going to help in the Annual Beach Cleanup they have every year. I'm going to do things like only buy certain products that don't hurt animals, cut pop rings and not litter or be careless so the wildlife will be around for generations of people to see.

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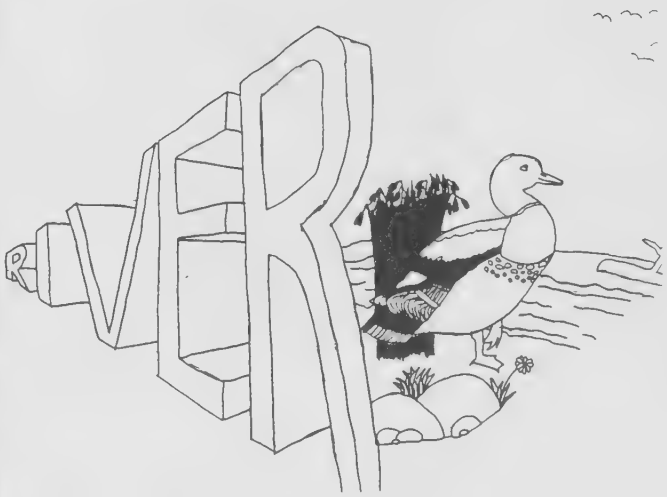

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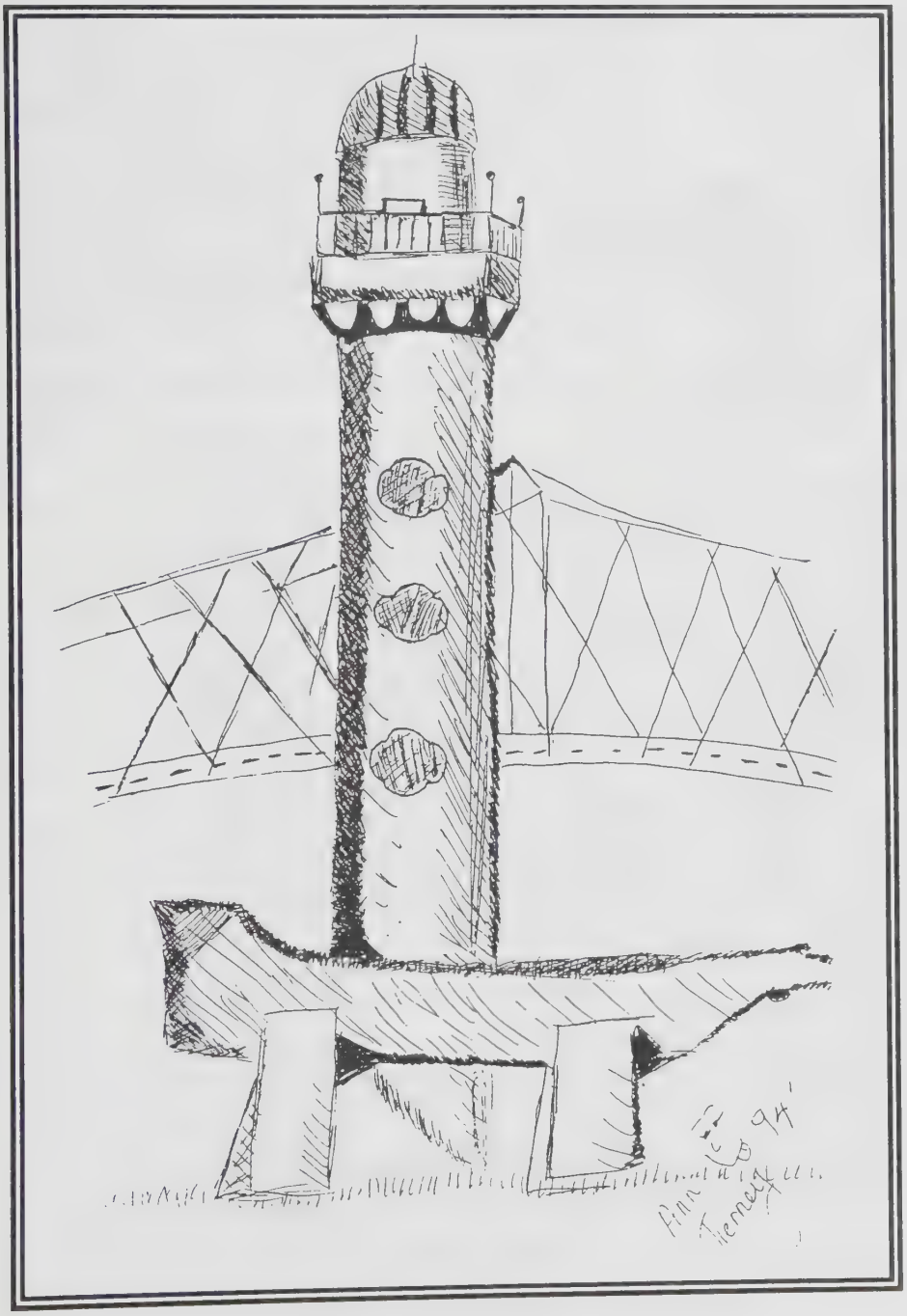
What My Life is Like in Clatsop County in 1994

By: Joy Thompson

I come home from volleyball practice, grab a snack and away I go on my rusty and weathered bike. I bicycle down the quiet residential road and discover some paved paths off to the side. Giving into my curiosity, I decide to take a detour from my normal route and check them out. The paths turn out to be the Fort Stevens State Park bicycle trails. I pass the tourists walking, jogging, and bicycling. They stay clear as I race by. As I travel the cool coast air brushes against my face and the scent of salt increases. I know now, I am nearing the ocean.

I cross over a tiny bridge and peddle faster, eager to meet my destination. Finally, I divert into a parking lot which overlooks the beautiful sandy shores. Crab shells and broken sand dollars cover the shoreline below. Above, colorful kites fly high while seagulls passing by dodge the unknown foreign objects. I get off my bike and remove my shoes and socks. I find a seat on the bank and sink my toes down into the soft warm sand. At last, I reach my spot where I come to relax and enjoy the simple beauty that surrounds me.



In front of me the sky turns shades of purples and pinks as the hazy sun sinks slowly down across the eternal horizon. To my right, I watch a large ship struggle over the bar and enter the wide Columbia River. Soon it will pass under the huge outstretched bridge, connecting Oregon and Washington. The largest part of the bridge begins from the historical town of Astoria, where houses sit scattered across the tall green hillside. To my left, the shore extends down towards the famous tourist attraction town of Seaside, where I suspect many flood the sidewalks on this unusually gorgeous September day. Further down, three large rocks (a site commonly seen on every postcard or calendar of the Northwest) mark the little community of Cannon Beach. The smart photographers would be out snapping today.

Before I get up to return to my bike, I shoot a mental picture of the miraculous landmarks as well, adding it to my rolls of memories. Some could only imagine living in a place so abundant with life and beauty like that of Clatsop County. I wonder how I became so lucky to live here. However the way, I am grateful. I boost myself up onto my bike, take one more look as the top of the sun finally disappears, and away I go.

My Life in Clatsop County

Scott Neuman

What can I say about Clatsop County? Not a whole lot. I have been a resident of this area for my entire life. After seventeen years this place has become very boring. There is nothing to do here. I could go to the beach. Like I haven't seen that enough already! I could go to Seaside. I think that I have been there enough to last an entire lifetime!

It is just the same old thing every day in Clatsop County. Nothing interesting ever happens here. Buoy 10 just opened a few days ago and that was the exciting thing that happened recently. I'm sorry but that just doesn't excite me. I have been everywhere there is to go and done everything there is to do in Clatsop County many times.

I cannot wait to go to college and get out of this place. I have fallen into a routine and I really need to break out of it or I think I will go crazy.

What is there for kids my age to do around here on weekends? I'll tell you, absolutely nothing. Oh, I'm sure I could find some party to go to and get drunk, but I'm not really into that. What else is there to do? There is always the Mini Mart, the hangout. How desperate can we get? A bunch of kids standing around in front of a Mini Mart. How bad can it get? This place has gotten very old. I'm ready for a change and fast.

What Life is Like in Clatsop County

Amber Sommer 10/03/94

I believe that Clatsop County would be a much more interesting place to live if there were more things for young people to do. Clatsop County is great for fishermen, loggers, or anyone with a good stable job, but there should be a dance club, roller-skating rink, or public indoor swimming pool built in Clatsop County so there is more to do than hang out at the local mini-mart.

Personally, I seldom go out because there isn't much entertainment. For me, all there is is my job, school and extracurricular activities. There needs to be more to do than party every weekend and get drunk, but there isn't. Sure, there are movie theaters but people don't want to see the same movies over and over again. Everyone I know goes to Portland if they want to do something entertaining. My friends like to go to dance clubs. We love to meet new people. In Clatsop County, I don't know of any place where people can go out and have a good time without the influence of drugs or alcohol.

The men and women who represent Clatsop County need to think of ways to broaden the entertainment for young people. If there were more fun activities and entertainment, young people might not be so apt to go out and drink or get into trouble.

Heaven or Hell

Megan McLaughlin

The colonies of India: famed for their malevolent beauty, subplots whispered in shadowed courtyards, and the silvery flash of a rebel's knife blade before it connects with the flesh of hapless victims. It may seem rather histrionic to use the colonies of India as a metaphor of a much smaller and insignifacant place. But, I cannot help but see numerous similarities between the turbulent India of earlier centuries and the present day Clatsop County; facetious as it may seem at first.

Clatsop County radiates a beauty that is inescapable to most. It swims in a sea of trees, and boasts a dreary, rainy atmosphere that transforms the land in spring to that of an Eden; to Utopia. People from other states, and even other parts of Oregon, can appeciate the expansive beaches which hug the land, and the small town quaintness. Apple pies on windowsills, children sauntering along the road toting cattails, friendly waves and hellos from everyone. Clatsop County sports all this to the wandering eye who digs no deeper then the surface, or to the big city tourist desperate for the familarity and closeness of smaller communitites.

But hidden in the shadows of the ostensibly good natured folk, there grows a festering plague of ignorance and intolerance. Clatsop County has a disease more contagious and more fatal than any other: prejudice, prejudice in the form of a malignant growth known as the OCA.

Life in Clatsop County is a dream for those whose sexual preference is embraced by enough to make the list of the accepted elite, created by a few imbalanced people who have chosen to play God. But if one is a homosexual, life in Clatsop County cannot be anything but the scorching lands of Hades. Their lives must be governed by constant secrecy. They must become the ultimate survivors.

There is no beauty for a tortured people. They will not be able to look back on their childhood years here in a positive light. The high voodoo priest has pointed the witch finger, and the rest of us become silent wintesses to the holocaust of the 1990's.

For me life in Clatsop County was a sheltered one: the kind of childhood one always reads about in autobiographies and such. I climbed trees, I trick-or-treated without constant fear of what lurked in the shadows, I walked to school. However, I can not ignore the festering hate; it burns my ears to hear it, and burns my soul to think of it.

My life is one unmarked by the trials of anguish and heartbreaking decisions. I have often felt lucky to have grown up amid such beauty. But I know that others suffer, and I know that the fight to keep their spirits and physical well-being intact is a daily one. It seems as though we always have to be persecuting in order to be human.

Sooner or later the hate will scar these lands, and that is the day we should all be dreading. We are living in a fool's paradise.

Clatsop County

BY: Misty Wade

Life in Clatsop County is very calm. When you wake up in the morning you are greeted by the sounds of birds chirping and the smell of dew-washed plants. The sun rising through the morning mist emits an orange glow which illuminates the sky like a giant light bulb.

Throughout the day there is no smog and the only clouds around blow across the sky like leaves in the wind. The scent of salt air fills your nostrils every time you breathe. The landscape is almost always green with one plant or another in bloom, sending their fragrance into the air.

Places you go seem almost untouched by man. The beaches, which are public property, have hardly any refuse on them. The salty sea water soothes you as you wade in. The sun warms your body and soul as you lie on the beach and enjoy the view of passing ships. When dusk comes the setting sun brightens the sky with a multicolored light show. All the colors of the rainbow are there, layered yet mixing at the same time. Then night finally arrives and you can see the stars twinkling high above like a beacon, enticing you to stay and appreciate the beauty.

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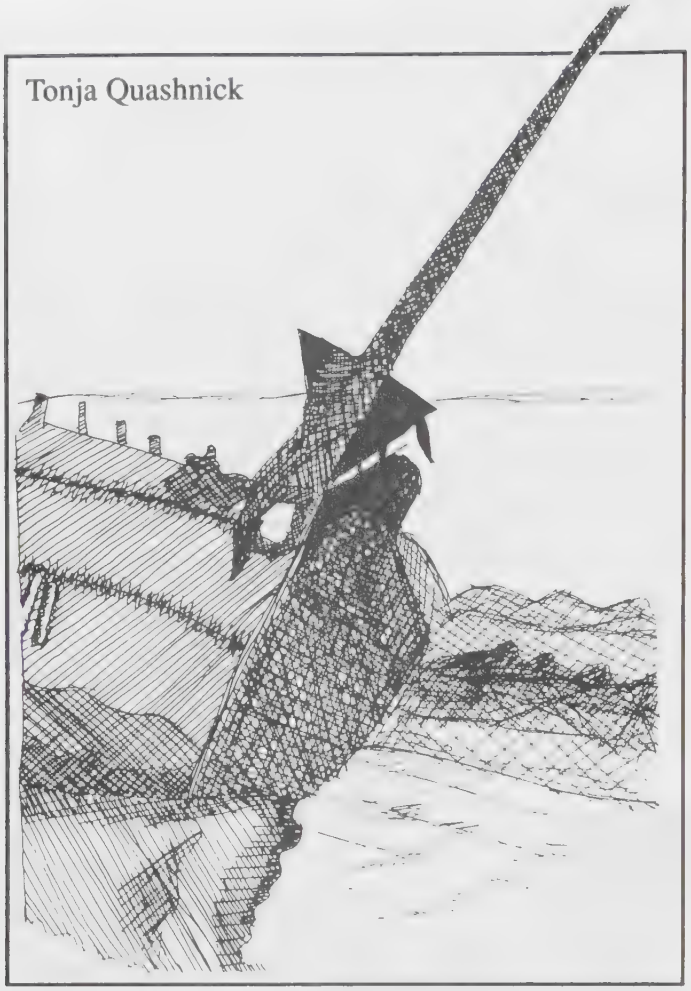

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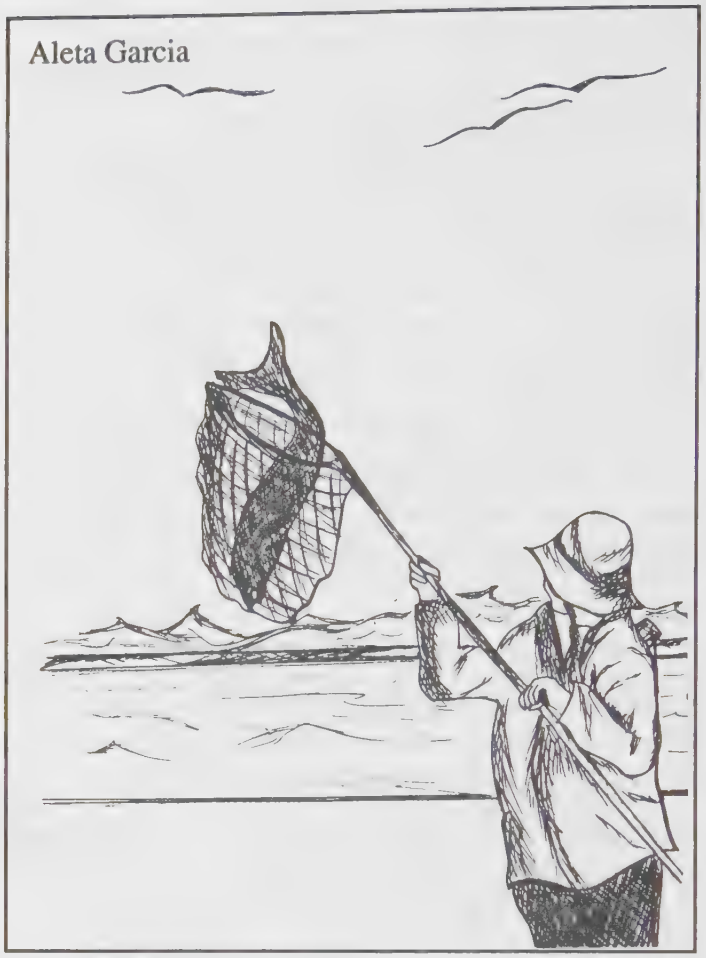

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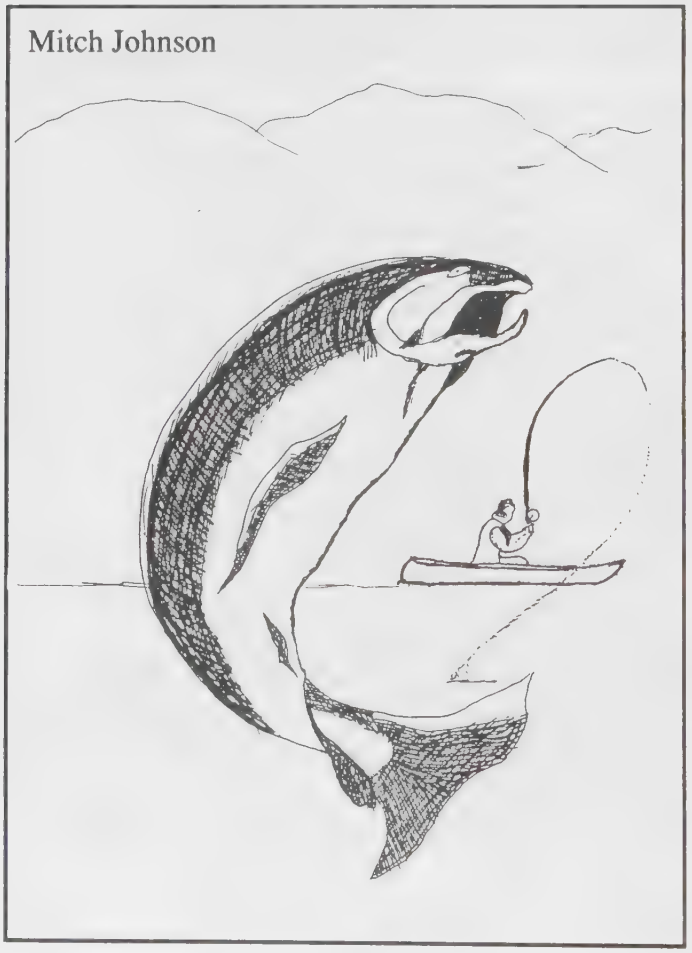

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Life in Clatsop County

Jamie Hoggard

I moved from Delta, Utah (Millard County) approximately two years ago. Since then, I have noted that life in Clatsop County is very different from life in Millard County. In Millard about ninety percent of the population is Mormon. In Clatsop, however, there is only a small percentage of Mormons. Because so many people are Mormon in Millard, there are few people with ethnic backgrounds to offer a variety of cultures. Living in Clatsop I see a wide range of minority groups and have learned a great deal about them.

Delta is a farming community. Because of this, the houses are spread out and trees are scarce. In Clatsop houses seem much closer together and the trees are very abundant.

There is a dramatic difference in weather. Millard has very little rain because the weather is either sunny or snowy. In Clatsop rain predominates.

Even the people, as a whole, have different attitudes. Residents in Millard are very judgemental, but the people I have encountered in Clatsop seem more open-minded.

Trevor Fitcha

What I will contribute to Clatsop County in the future . . .

Clatsop County is a county made up of honest, friendly, and open people. These people use their everyday experiences to contribute what they can to our society. In the future, I hope to be one of these people.

As a member of Clatsop County, I will vote to ensure that the citizens ideas and views are represented. I will be sure that those measures I vote for will be good for the county as a whole. Projects, such as community cleanup, and those that involve keeping our area healthy will be a regular part of my life.

By working in Clatsop County, I will help to support the local economy, ensuring prosperity for all. My money will go to purchase local products, and to be used in funding our schools, and in supporting new projects. I will also use my knowledge to serve as an active member of the community.

Of all these contributions, the most important one I can make will be to raise my family here. My future children will be brought up in an environment full of people who care how they are. They will learn the important lessons of right and wrong. Most importantly, they will learn to love the place where they were born; Clatsop County.

My contribution to Clatsop County in the Future

Elizabeth Bobek

My contribution to Clatsop County in the future directly relates to its involvement in my past. Therefore, I pondered the question, what has Clatsop County done for me? Then I realized, it welcomed me.

Four years ago I moved here. I knew no one, nothing. Coming from a metropolis, I realized that people just didn't openly address a stranger, but here they did. I understood that pollution and filth were common occurences, but here they weren't. I thought that people were out in the world for themselves. Here, even that didn't seem so.

Coming to Clatsop County taught me another side to life that I couldn't have imagined before. That special smile from a complete stranger, that instant when I looked from the Astor Column into the beautiful countryside of daybreak, the sound of laughter as I cruised Seaside for guys on a lonely Friday night - this is what Clatsop County was.

And so, I'll answer the dilemma of what I will do for Clatsop County in the future. I'll fight to keep the small town "I care" attitude here. I'll work to keep our scenery free from all the pollution. And most importantly, I'll teach my children what this county in the Pacific Northwest did for me.

Joy Thompson

Jared Cheney

What my life is like in Clatsop County in 1994

My life in Clatsop County is very relaxed. Clatsop County is a laid back kind of place. Life here could be considered rather boring compared to that of the big cities. For amusement we go to the movies, hang at the beach, or go to Seaside, a tourist town with many attractions.

The school year allows for many school activities, which tends to keep most of us kids occupied through the week. Mostly the kids around here stay out of trouble, but there are those who do get into it.

Right now, our area is changing. Within the last few years we have had many major developments, and our population is growing. Schools are cutting back on budgets for classroom materials and on many other money related things because the state money is going away. The government is cutting school funds yet demanding more from education. The fishing and logging industries are both dying here. Our economy is in the process of change, some good, some not.

I enjoy the many pleasant surroundings here, the relaxed lifestyle and the feeling of home I have here. I truly hope that these qualities of the area don't change in the future.

Nathan Cook

Beth Logsden

I believe that life in 2044 will be much different than life in 1994. Advancements will have been made in many fields, such as medicine, technology, and architecture. Every building will be earthquake proofed by 2044, and the sewer and water systems will be improved. Instead of working for diplomas, high-school students will be working towards CIM's and CAM's. Cars will run on electricity, not on fossil fuels, and the highways and other roads will have been improved. People will be much more commited to saving the Earth. Recycling wil be mandatory for all citizens in Clatsop County.

Despite all the advances some things will remain the same. The coastal towns will still attraact irritating tourists, and people will still flock to Seaside for the Fourth of July celebration. And, somewhere in some obscure English class, 23 forlorn students will be slaving over an essay about Clatosp County for the next time capsule.

In the Year 2044

In the year 2044, Clatsop County will be an industrious culture. Simple two story buildings will have turned into sky rises. Double lane street will be tripled. Poeple will walk along city blocks wearing dress suits and carrying brief cases rather than wearing jogging suits and carrying grocery bags.

The economy of Clatsop County will no longer rely on natural resources such as hunting, fishing, and logging. Instead, the focus will be on big business and production.

A drive through Clatsop County in the year 2044 will seem like a drive through downtown Portland in 1994. Rush-hour traffic crowds the streets, the homeless beg for food in city parks, and a collage of advertisements crowds every street light and telephone pole.

Life in Clatso County will be a drastic change from 1994. People will no longer come to see the beauty. Instead they will come for the jobs. Longtime residents will not be leaving for vacation; they will be leaving for good. In the year 2044, Clatsop County will be one huge metropolis.

By: Lori Ann Haskell

HILDA LAHTI GRADE SCHOOL

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Warren Wells
Michael Smith
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Jason Shepard
David Roberts
Israel Jurich
Tammera Karas
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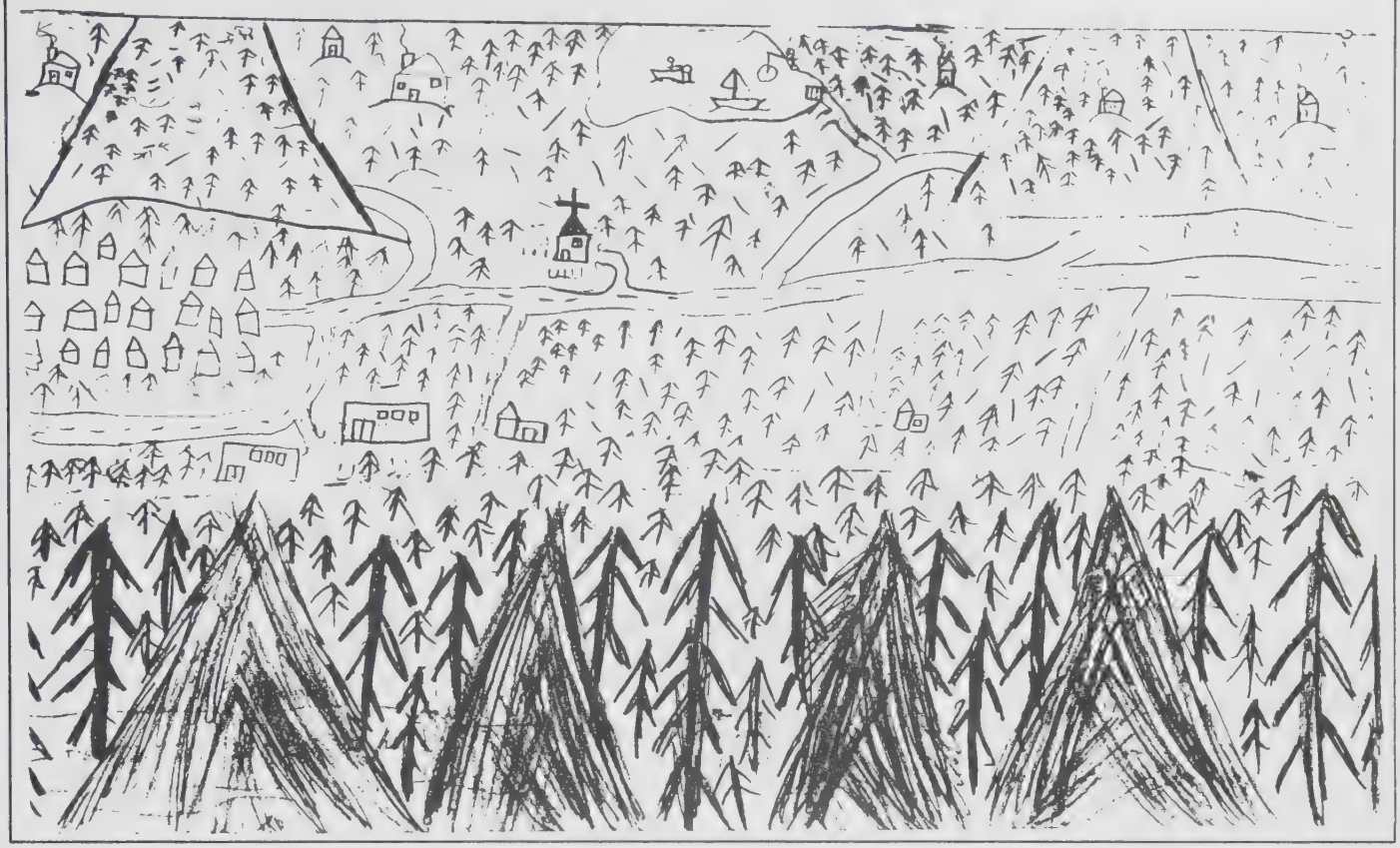

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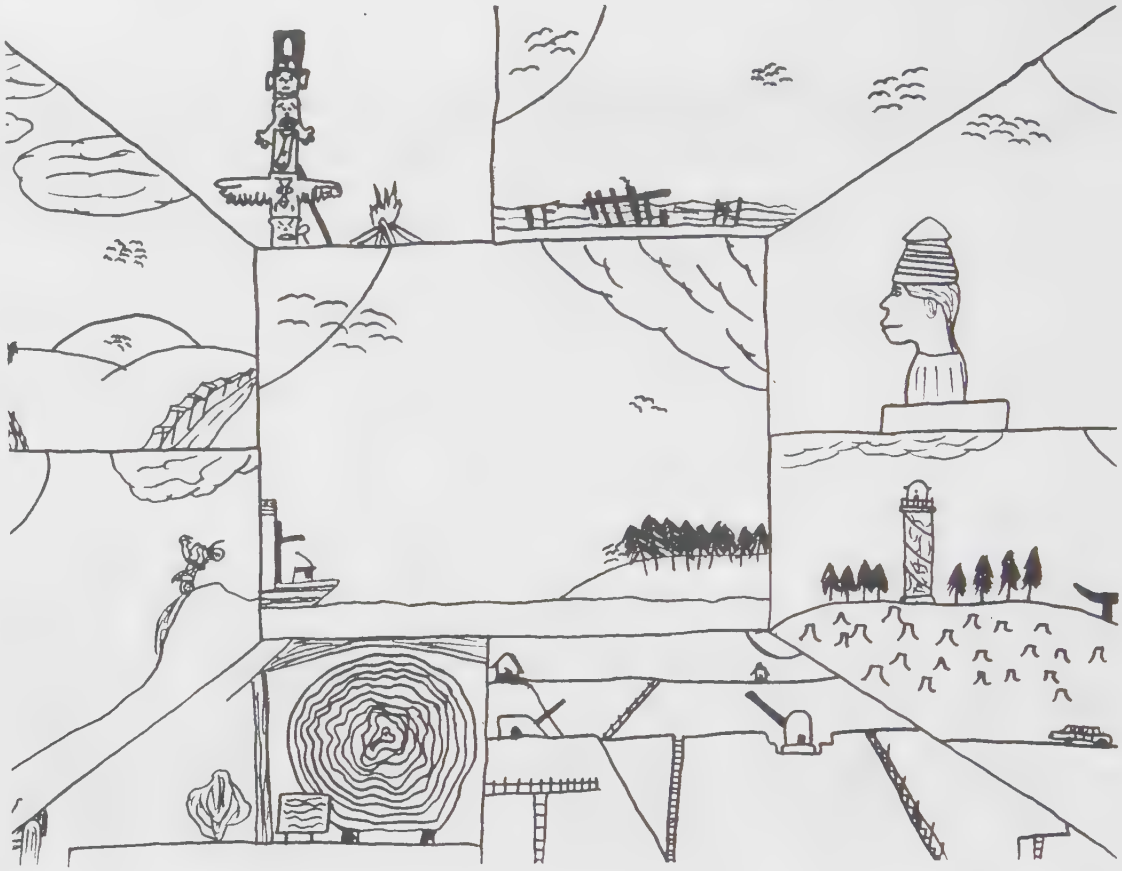

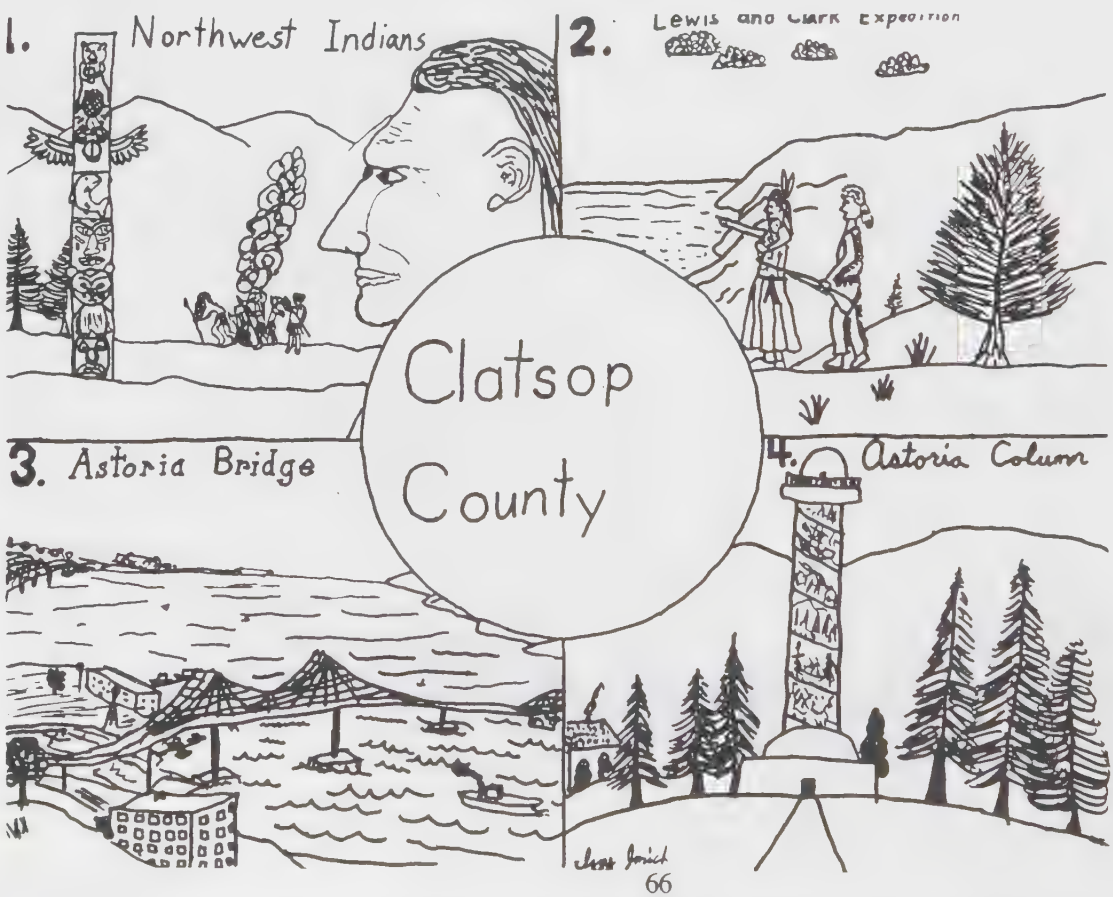

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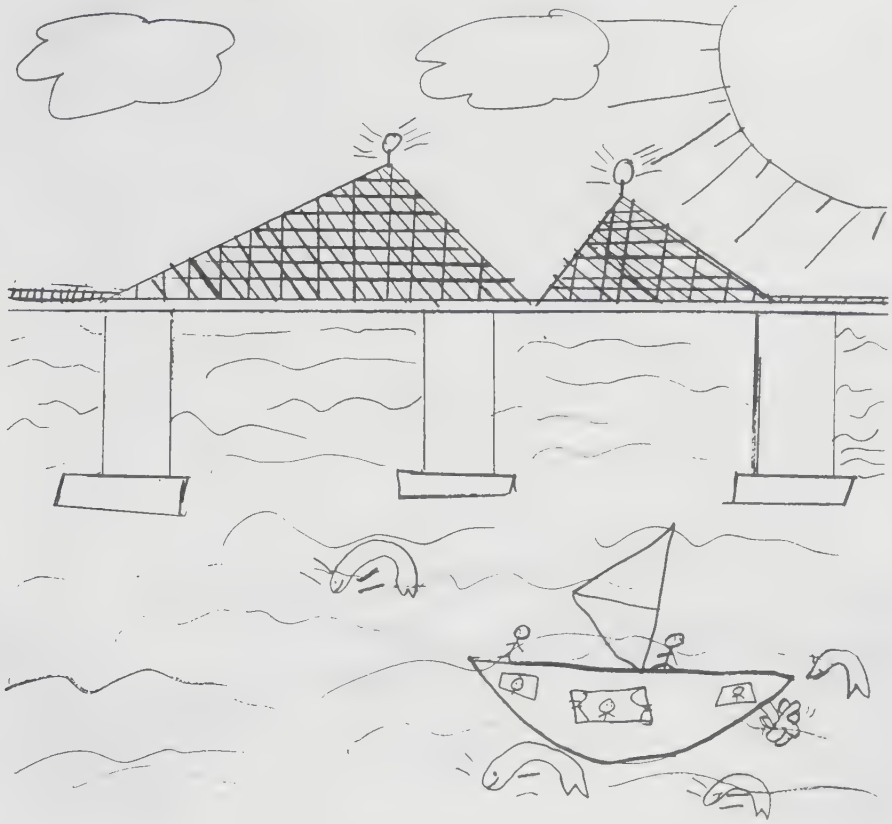

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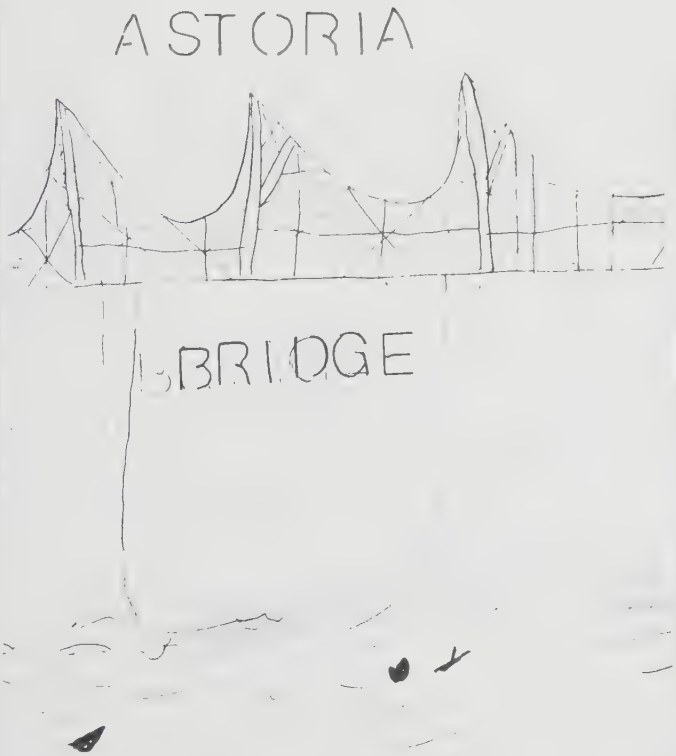

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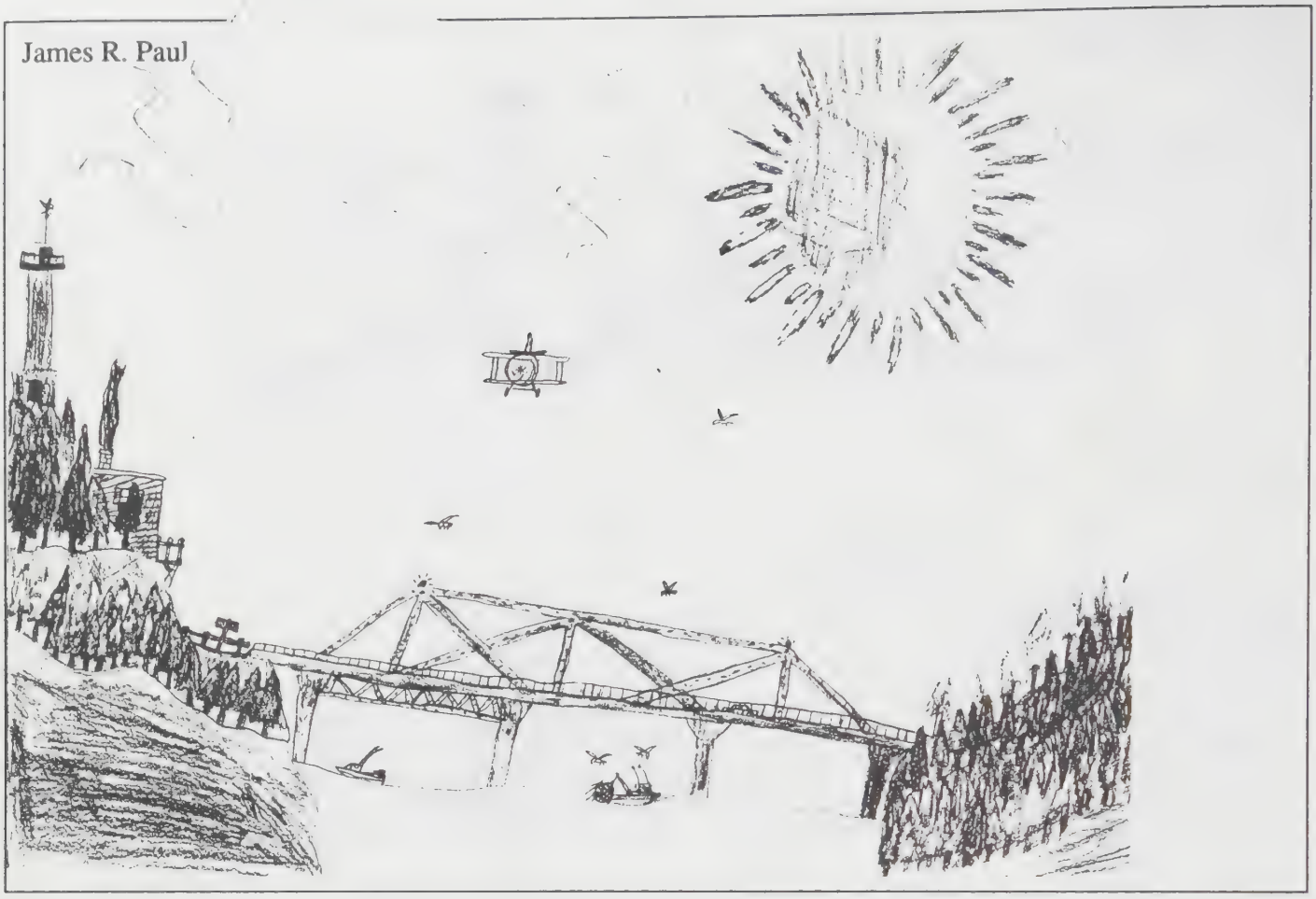

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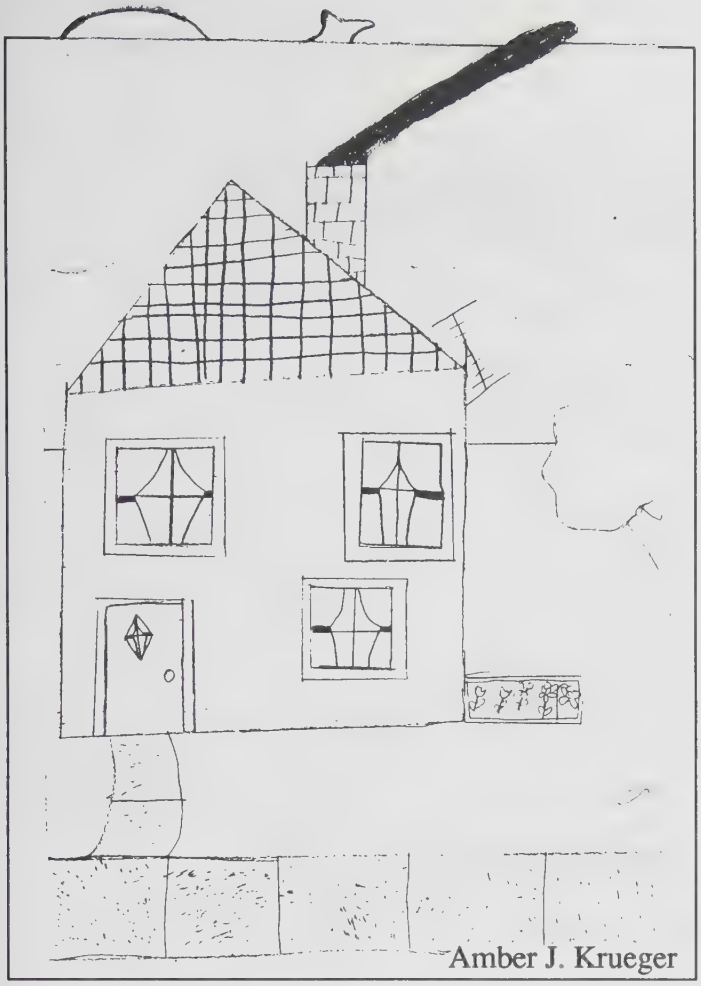

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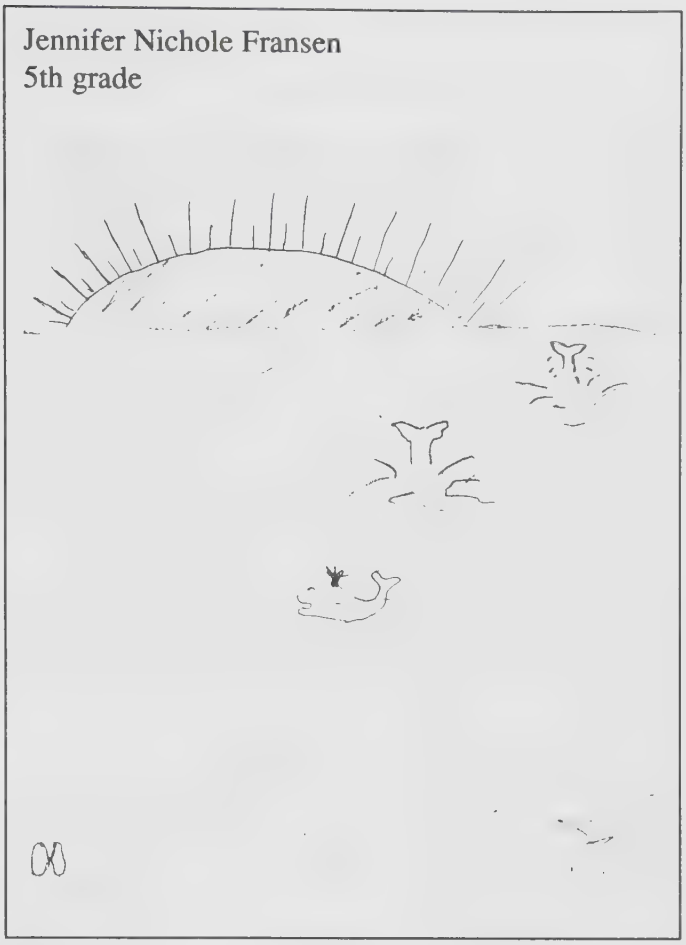

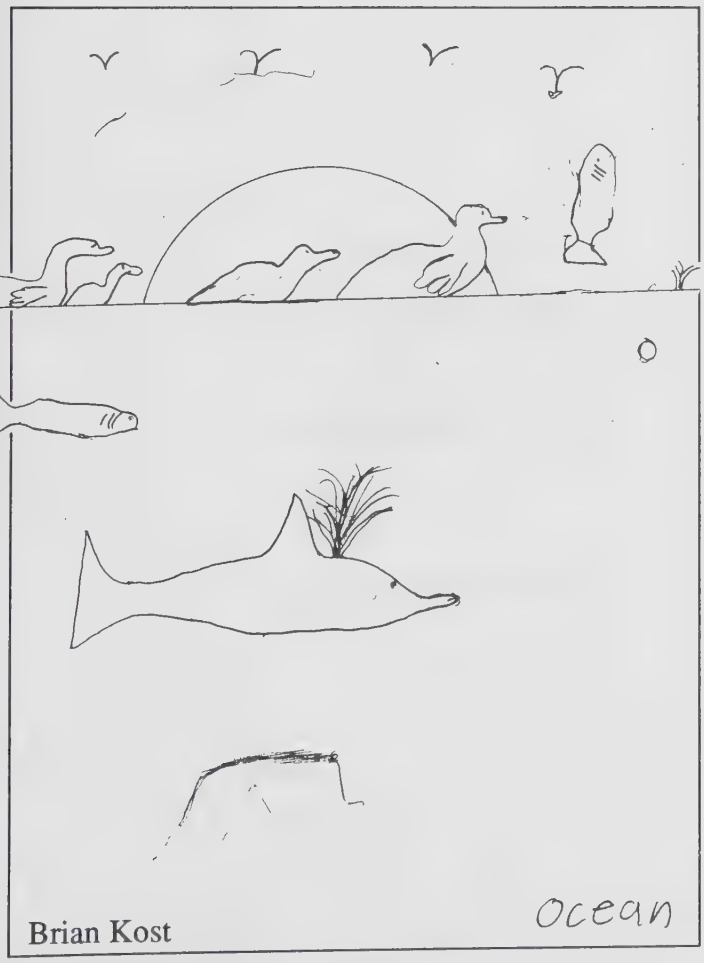

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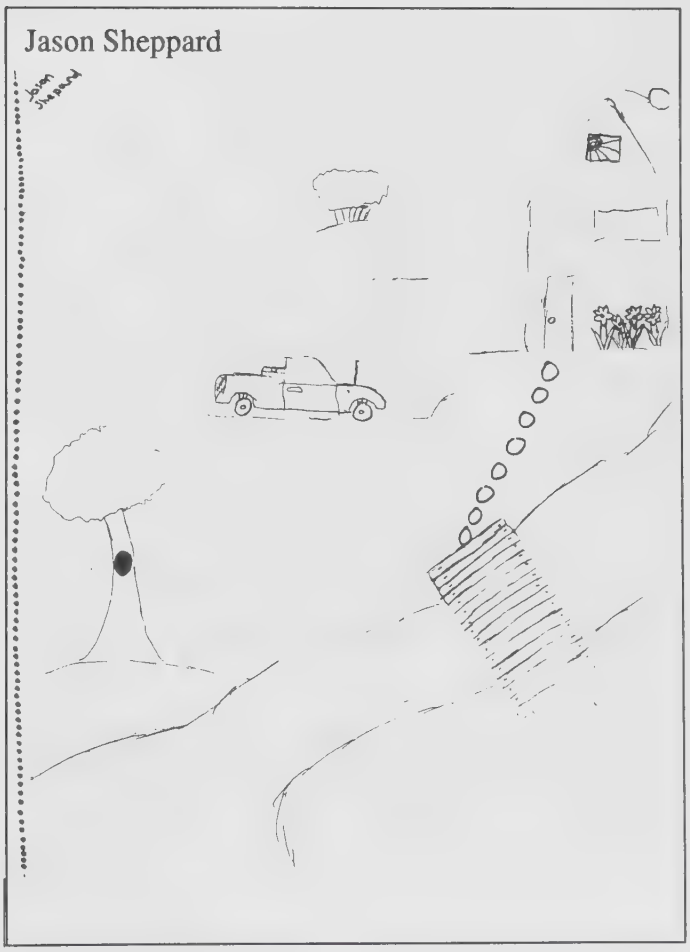

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Ellie Hamilton
Bob Hamilton

Principal: Chris Schauermann

My life right now is really fun. My dad, his parents, and my two aunts own the Pig 'N Pancake. My dad is the boss and manager of it. We have a three story house and a lot of other stuff. We have four, 4 wheelers. We live out of town close to the woods. Behind my house are woods everywhere. We go on 4-wheeler rides all the time. We own 50 acres, but practically half is swamp land.

There are seven people in my family. There ages go from 4 - 42 years old. My brother, Zachary is 17 and this is his last year in high school. My sister, Alicia is 14 and this is her first year in high school. Alicia goes to a private school called Sunset Academy. I am in 6th grade, also at a private school called North Coast Christian School. My family is Baptist. This winter my family is going to spend 7 days in Sun River, that's the week before Christmas. We love to go skiing and sleding there.

There are lots of sights to see here. Stuff like the Astor Column, old houses, Fort Stevens, Cannon Beach, and lots of stuff like the Bumper Cars, and the Tillter Whirle. Astoria has the old houses, because it's an old town. Hope you enjoyed reading this. Good bye for 50 years. I leave to my ancestors to be passed on and on.

By Carissa J. Poole

What My Life is Like in 1994

I came home from my first day of School. It was OK but I had a ton of home work to do. I went to my soccer game and we played Cannon Beach. It was a lot of fun because I scored alot of goals. I saw one of my friends playing in a different field, there team is good.

I went to my friends house and we played a lot and went downtown to see the Dolorian. We went Skate boarding for two and an hour or 2. I went home and we are dinner and went to bed. The next morning I went to my uncles house to do some work. We stacked wooden shingles and blocks of wood and It took about 2 hours to do it all. We ate lunch at his house and he paid me for my work I did. We got twenty dollars then went to the store and bought some jerky, candy, and chips. We went home and worked on are fort in the back yard. It's not realy good because someone messed it up. I went to eat dinner then went to bead. Thats the story of my life in 1994.

The End By Roland Hardy

My life in Clatsop County

I go to school at North Coast Christian School, My favorite subject is History, I go to the Philadelphia Church, I really like church and I know that everyone should come here.

I enjoy fast food, Dennys, and other restaurants like any other normal human being I don't hunt but I do have a B.B. gun.

I believe that Jesus Christ will come back before the year 2,040 and that no one will ever open the time capsule up.

Paul Hamilton

What My Life is Like in Clatsop County in 1994

My name is Jason Salfen, I am 14 years old and a freshman at North Coast Christian School. I have a sister, a mom, a dad, and a really stupid cat. Many of the activities that I enjoy in and around Clatsop County are riding bikes at Fort Stevens, going to Coffenbury Lake, playing basketball, soccer, and football, and hanging out with my friends.

I go to school in Warrenton/Hammond at a private school in the Philidelphia Church. There are only ten of us in the class, not including me. All of us are either in the seventh, eight, or ninth grade. School is really fun here because of all the things that my teachers, Bob and Elie Hamilton, have us do.

I live in Warrenton right now. Warrenton is a really small town. Some of its main activities and highlights are the Crab Festival, the Fish Fry, the fourth of July fireworks, and the fourth of July parade.

Life in Clatsop County is sometimes dull and sometimes fun My friend and I like to Rollerblade in Seaside. We go down town and play around Jumping curbs and playing games at the arcade. After we get bored we usually go to my friend's house, there we ride on his ramp and grind on his grind rail. After that we usually go to the 12th Ave prom, three-foot high curb and jump off it over drinking fountains and garbage cans. After that its time to go to a movie with couple of girls who like us and our other friends.

Sometimes in the Summer when my cousin comes down we go to my grammas house in Svensen to mow the lawn. After were finished we go fishing on her river. There wa a real good fishing hole but a tree fell in it so the fish moved to another hole. Later we go garage sailing with my Gramma. Last time I got a BB gun that was in really good condition for only three bucks.

In the fall I play Soccer at Warrenton Evergreen Fields. In my last game I scored a goal and we won seven to three.

Curt R. Fairless

My Life in Clatsop County!

It's 1994, I home right now it's about a quarter after seven. It's my 3r day of school, I've met a lot of new friends. I'm going to a birthday tomorrow, which is the 22 of September. I go swimming at K.O.A. campground all the time, and can go to the beach on sunny days.

I can ride a lot of hourses. My best friend has a few horses.

Did I tell you I love horses? Well, I do.

I love School at North Coast Christian School. It's fun and It's always happy. We have chapel every Monday. We read book's for homework. Right now I'm reading Noah Webster. We do spelling, math, language, history, creative thinking, science, penmanship. We have P.E.. We have to have a hall pass to go to the bathroom.

My church is called River of Life, in Seaside. We have sunday school. Our sunday school teacher's name is Sylvia Ostermeir, and the teenager's teacher's name is Paula Hardy (my mom).

My pastor's name is Jerry Clark his wifes name is Linda Clark.

On Sunday I either do play the tamborian or put songs on the over head.

April Hardy

I Live In Clatsop County

Today is sesquicentennial day. My favorite thing is to ride a horse. I really like Clatsop County a lot. Another favorite sport is swimming. I live in Knappa. We have two tracktors, one dog, two cats, too many cows, 11 ducks, a lot of pigs. We have a two story house. We have 51 acres. Now about me. I'm 4'11" tall. I have yellowish brownish strait hair. I'm in 5th grade. I have an aunt and uncle in Africa. My two brothers have-visited Africa allready. I'm going to go there. I am ten and going to be 11 in March. I go to a christian school. I have a friend who went to Taiwan to be a missionary. I really miss her because she was my best friend. I have a lot of friends out in Hammond. I live in the attic. My classroom is splattered paint. The colors are purple, pink and blue. The wall is painted white. We have shades in our room. We have a huge book in the back of our room. We have pillows, games and lots of books. We have a science table with posters aboav it.

Rebekah

By Rebekah Hoen

My Life in "94"

Hi! My name is Angie Fairless. I live in Seaside. I love Seaside and I am never going to move. There are some really cool shops there. Two of my favorites are Love leathers and Rascals. Love Leathers has alot of leather clothes, hats, purses, key chains, braclets ect. Rascals is a candy shop. There are 2 malls in Seaside. The names are Sand Doller Square has been there since about 1982, and Seaside Town Center has been there since about 1985.

The Seaside Pool is right by the youth center wich is close to broadway Middle School. I has 6th 7th, and 8 grades. I am in the 6th grade! I love Broadway. I have hundreds of friends there. EVERBODY there is nice.

I am in a square dancers club called "Hayshakers." I want to be a singer or dancer when I grow up. I have a yellow belt in Karate.

I love were I live and
I hope it never changes!

Angie Fairless ☺

My life in Clastop County

My name is Carol Mathre. I was born in Corvallis, OR. I am 10 years old and my birthday is March 31, 1984.
I live in Astoria, OR. I live in a big gray house on Florence Ave. I have a big yard and a nice garden.
I love Clastop County because it is really nice and there is a lot of things to do here. I love climbing the Astor Column. I like the ocean and Youngs Bay. I think that it is very pretty here also. I like the Schools and a lot of people. I have a lot of friends.
I live three blocks away from Tapiola Park and Tapiola swimming pool. I walk to the swimming pool in summer
I have three brothers and on sister. My brothers names are Mark, Daniel, and Eric. My sister's name is Lily. My mom's name is Electa and my dad's name is David. I have Seven people in my family and I love them all.

By Carol Mathre

What life will be like in Clatsop County in the year 2044.

David Muckelson
9/28/94

Unlike most areas of the country, Clatsop County will still have it's forests. It's air will be clean, and it's river will be non-polluted.

Many people from California will have moved up here. Seaside will have about twice the population of Astoria because of it's major tourist attractions. Roads will be widened, buildings will be built, and boats will frequently go up and down the Columbia River. The quiet life of Clatsop County will be gone forever.

Gangs and drugs will be a major threat to the well-being of Astoria and Seaside. The influence of Religion will most likely be gone from society. But if the citizens of Clatsop County can overcome these problems, the future looks bright.

STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL

Students:

Chris Crosby
Dennis John Reynolds
Luke Ydstie
Clare Engel
Christopher McIntosh
Alexandrea Brandon
Gene Wright

Teacher: Chrislynn Taylor

Principal: James Bankes

What Contribution Will I Make to Clatsop County When I Grow Up

by Chris Crosby
Grade 4
Star of the Sea School

When I grow up I hope I can make enough money to I can donate at least $1,000,000.00 to the City of Astoria so that stairways going up to people's houses can be more like escalators and when it starts to rain, the escalator automatically makes a glass shield. This is so everyone won't get wet because of the rain.

by Christopher McIntosh
Grade 4
Star of the Sea School

If I live in Clatsop County, I will be in the Coast Guard and be the chief of the Coast Guard. I will try to be a good chief if I become chief of the Coast Guard. I would be in charge of the Air Station, and the Iris and the Venturous, as well as the station across the river at Cape Disappointment. I will help people by saving them from drowning and keep weapons and drugs out of Clatsop County. If I don't become chief of the Coast Guard, I will try to be a firefighter and help put out fires and save people's lives and homes.

by Dennis John Reynolds
Grade 4
Star of the Sea School

When I grow up, I will be a sailor and I will get a boat and take it out to go fishing. I will have a great time going fishing and then I will go and sell my fish. Then I shall earn some money and then I will buy myself a dog and I will have a good life in Astoria and Clatsop County.

by Alexandrea Brandon
Grade 4
Star of the Sea School

I will be a veterinarian when I grow up. I will take care of as many animals as I can so they won't go hungry again and so they have good homes. I also hope they stop killing dogs, rabbits, and cats at the pound. I would take animals in my house and take care of them and it would be my very own animal hospital for the sick and injured animals. I would try and get good homes for them. I would also write to the zoos and animal parks and pounds and talk to them about how to take care of their animals. If there was an animal that was ill, anywhere in Clatsop County, I would go help it the best I could. The people of Clatsop County would tell the rest of the world about how to take care of animals because I would teach them the right things.

by Luke Ydstie
Grade 4
Star of the Sea School

I hope that when I grow up I may be able to make a big contribution to Astoria. It would be a park where the old mill is now. The millpond would be turned into a duck pond and it would have grass and trees and maybe even a playground. There would be walkways and bushes and trees and maybe even a playground. There would be walkways and bushes and little stone bridges and flowers, lots of flowers; everthing that makes a park beautiful. It would be kind of like a Japanese garden. Maybe there would even be a part-glass and part-metal walkway that went down underneath the water so you could see things coming past, such as seals, the bottoms of boats, and other things. There would be picnic tables and all sorts of things. Hopefully, there would be some wild animals, such as otters, geese, a couple of ducks and fish in the pond. I would like to do this so Clatsop County could become a more beautiful place.

What Clatsop County Will Be Like in 2044

by Gene Wright
Grade 4
Star of the Sea School

I think Clatsop County will have battery powered cars. There will be more buildings and the buildings will change. There will be better jails, cars, and people. The schools will be better. The schools will have nicer computers, desks, and books. The jails will have better locks and cell rooms. The people will be better and there won't be as much crime. The parks will be better. They' ll have nice swings and slides and not as much trash. Smoking will be against the law.

by Clare Engel
Grade 4
Star of the Sea School

In the year 2044, Clatsop County will have new schools with baseball and football stadiums, large gyms, a large but nice cafeteria, play grounds with a twisty-slide, two fifteen-foot climbing poles, a five-foot crossing bars that are six feet off the ground, eight swings and four swings for young kids, four see-saws with rubber pads for safety, and four hanging bars.

In the year 2044, Clatsop County will have a new fairgrounds. It will have large horse stalls, bigger cow stalls, steel-poled cement floored pig stalls, sheep and goat stalls made with sanded down or steel poles. All of the stalls or cages will be made for the animal's safety and comfort.

In the year 2044, Clatsop County will be crime-free and drug-free!

Schools In Clatsop County

by Liisa Penner

The first schools in Clatsop County were held on the property of the earliest settlers on Clatsop Plains in the 1840s. These were subscription schools in which the teachers were paid by the parents of each child who attended. Schools moved from one farm to another, wherever there was space and children to be educated. In 1850, a subscription school was also held in Astoria. Missionaries served as the first teachers. It wasn't until July 4, 1854, one hundred and forty years ago, that the first public school district in the county, Astoria School District 1, was established. Money was raised by levying taxes on property throughout the district, enabling all children to attend school for free. In 1859, the first public school was built for the Astoria students, and was located near the southwest corner of 9th and Exchange Streets. This small building served for about fourteen years. In the late 1870s, the population of the county multiplied rapidly; new school districts were established and new school buildings were planned.

Newspapers of the 1870s were the first to report on conditions in the Astoria schools. What was school like almost a hundred and twenty years ago? ---Over a hundred students were crowded into a drafty three-room building, heated by a wood stove. A tiny playground outside was carpeted with a smelly muddy ooze whenever it rained. Voices of the children rang out in unison while they repeated their multiplication numbers and could be heard by parents a long distance away. They were drilled in the subjects of Reading, Spelling, Geography, Mental Arithmetic, Practical Arithmetic, Algebra, Physiology, and Formal Grammar. At the end of the school year, each child had to get up on the stage in Liberty Hall in front of a crowd of townspeople to try to answer a series of questions given by the superintendent of the school. The passing or failing scores were printed in the newspaper to the embarassment of many of the students and parents alike. Could students today answer these questions? Following are actual questions given to these students and were printed in the *Daily Astorian* on June 13, 1879.

Mental Arithmetic: 1. A cow cost $24 and 4/3 of the cost of the cow is 2/9 of the cost of a horse; required: the cost of the horse. 2. If 7 men can do a piece of work in 2 1/2 days, how long will it require 6 men to do it? 3. If 1/2 of an apple is worth 1/8 of a cent, how much is 1/5 of an apple worth?

Arithmetic: 1. In the construction of a house I paid twice as much for material as for labor. Had I paid 6 per cent. more for material and 9 per cent more for labor, my house would have cost $1284. What was the cost? 2. In gold 16 carats fine, what part is pure, and what part is alloy?

Geography: 1. What is the southern cape of Greenland? 2. What are the natural divisions of the western continent? 3. What strait separates Terra del Fuego from the rest of South America? 4. What three peninsulas are in the southern part of Asia?

Formal Grammar: 1. What are adverbs of circumstance? 2. What is an adjunct?

Physiology: 1. What is the bile? 2. Describe the cerebrum. 3. How does pepsin act?

Reading: 1. What is a derivative word? 2. Write one rule in articulation. 3. Write one rule for the use of inflections. 4. Write one rule in syllabication.

A dollar went a lot further in early days of Clatsop County

Editor's note: This is the seventh in a series of weekly articles about the history of Clatsop County which ran in the Seaside Signal. The series was designed to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the founding of Clatsop County in 1844. This installment looks at the circumstances surrounding the founding of Clatsop County. Portions of the series are reproduced on the next three pages courtesy of the Seaside Signal and Kevin Widdison, Publisher.

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It had now been a half-century since Captain Robert Gray had "discovered" the Great River of the West, now known simply as the Columbia River.

As more settlers of all stripes — trappers, traders, missionaries and others — arrived in the Oregon Country at the mouth of the river, it became obvious that some sort of government had become a necessity.

On June 22, 1844, the provisional government of the Oregon Country created Clatsop County, carving it out of the former, larger, Tuality District. Five days later the portion of Clatsop County that was north of the Columbia River was removed from Clatsop and returned to Tuality. It would take work on the part of the territorial legislature to finally decide what the official boundaries of Clatsop County were — with the final pronouncement coming on December 19, 1845.

The original southern portion of Clatsop County was a stretch of turf we now think of as northern Tillamook County. That boundary change took place some years later in 1853. All of this took place years before Oregon gained official statehood in 1859.

The first county seat was situated in the now long-forgotten town of Lexington. In its first year of operation the county's total expenditures amounted to $67.75. Records show that rent on a house that served as the county headquarters was $7 and it cost all of $3 for expenses related to convening a grand jury.

The county clerk received an annual stipend of $12, while the county judge received a princely $30.

The first election was held in 1845, with the ballots being cast at the home of S.H. Smith, who had been active in organizing the provisional government for the Oregon Country — as almost everything north of California and west of the Rockies was known back then.

The first election saw J.W. Nesbitt elected as county judge; Noyce Smith was elected county clerk; A.J. Hembree was the first sheriff; Mary Fond, circuit attorney; and John McClure, county legislator.

After less than two years after it was established, the county officials realized there would be a need for some sort of general tax to support the operations of the county. A tax board was established in 1847, and by 1850 it declared a property tax rate of $3 per $1,000 of value.

Taxes for the construction and maintenance of roads was handled a little differently in those days. The decree calling for the first county road tax read: "...a road tax be levied on all taxable property in Clatsop County, at the rate of one day on every thousand dollars per assessment roll." Get out your pick and shovel. During that period the custom of requiring physical labor on road-construction work was common throughout the Oregon Country.

In 1849, the United States Congress granted territory status to the Oregon Country. This act led to several changes in the government of Clatsop County. One of the most significant changes was that the county was placed in charge of maintaining the District Court of Oregon, which first met in Astoria on October 1, 1849.

CLATSOP COUNTY: What a deal...buy a whole county for $15,000!

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The following year an election was held to select three people as the "judges of the probate court." The three men elected were William H. Gray, David Ingalls and R. McEwan, who became, for all practical purposes, a board of county commissioners. The judges of the probate court held their sessions in the county seat of Lexington until the county seat was transferred to Astoria in 1851.

Lexington was the sight of negotiations for at least one treaty with the Natives before it disappeared into obscurity.

The Indians were becoming unhappy with the way the increasing number of settler were usurping their lands. In late 1850, Robert Shortess, of the federal Office of Indian Affairs, wrote in a letter to Washington, D.C., "...at first the Indians were promised payment for land taken by settlers, now they are threatened with expulsion from that they still desire to hold. Consequently, they live in a state of continual fear and anxiety, having lost all confidence in our promises and dreading our power. I am myself, I have so long preached patience and hope to them that I am almost ashamed to do so any longer."

The United States and the natives reached an agreement on August 5, 1851 — in which the government paid the natives approximately $15,000 for most of the present day Clatsop County.

Article 3 of the treaty read: "It is agreed between the U.S. and the said Clatsop tribe that the individuals of the said tribe shall be at liberty to occupy as formerly their fishing grounds at the mouth of the Neacoxie Creek, whenever they wished to do so for fishing, and it is further agreed that the individuals of the said tribe shall be allowed to pass along the beach from and to their reservation between their said fishing grounds and Point Adams and allowed to pick up what may be cast upon the beach." Article 4 of the treaty outlined the price the settlers to pay to purchase virtually an entire county...

"In consideration of the cession made in the foregoing articles of this treaty, the U.S. agrees to pay to the said Clatsop tribe of Indians the sum of fifteen thousand dollars in annual payments of fifteen hundred dollars, each payment to be made as follows, viz: Two hundred dollars in money and the balance in the following articles to-wit: Forty blankets, twenty woolen coats, twenty pairs pants, forty shirts, twenty vests, forty pairs shoes, one hundred yards Lindsey plaid, 200 yards calico prints, 200 yards shirting, 15 blanket shawls..."

—From treaty signed in 1851

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And so, the way was cleared for white settlers to make Clatsop County their own — and bring "civilization" to the "wilderness."

The End

Astoria Column dedicated with much fanfare in 1926

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By the mid-1920s, Clatsop County was already beginning to look back on its history and heritage.

In early 1926, a decision was made to construct a monument that would immortalize the events surrounding the founding of the city of Astoria and the eventual founding of Clatsop County. That monument was the Astoria Column, which still stands as a reminder of our heritage, as well as a popular sight for tourists in the area to see.

It also serves as the site where the current Sesquicentennial Committee will eventually bury a "time capsule" with cultural and historical items from the 1990s, which will one day be opened by our own descendants.

What follows is a news report, from the Seaside Signal of July 15, 1926, about the dedication event surrounding the grand opening of the Astoria Column.

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In recognition of the heroic events which centered about the mouth of the Columbia River in the days when sovereignty of the Pacific West hung in the balance between the United States and Great Britain, in tribute to the giants who at Astoria won the Oregon country for America, the Astoria Founders' Celebration will be held July 20, 21 and 22 at the oldest American city west of the Mississippi River.

Climaxing the celebration will be the dedication of the magnificent monument erected at Astoria by Vincent Astor, great, great grandson of the city's founder, and the Great Northern Railway, which touches the Pacific at Astoria.

Astoria will be the objective of the Columbia River Historical Expedition, sponsored by the railroad, and the dedication of the monument will be the high spot in the program of this notable expedition.

Keenly cognizant of the immortal and dramatic character of the trinity of historic events which the monument commemorates, Astoria is as proud of her past as her present.

The monument and the Astoria Founders celebration, during which it will be dedicated, pay tribute to three epochal events in American history, as follows:

The discovery of the Columbia River in 1792 by Captain Robert Gray in the Boston ship Columbia;

The Lewis and Clark expedition of 1805-06, which reached its goal on the Pacific at Astoria;

And the founding of Astoria, earliest American settlement on the Pacific coast, by John Jacob Astor's fur-trading party in 1811.

The monument itself is 125 feet in height and stands in turn upon Coxcomb Hill an eminence 650 feet high, dominating the city of Astoria.

The shaft is designed after the order of the Vendome Column in Paris. It is or reinforced concrete and is surmounted with an observation platform. On a spiral base-relief winding up the sides of the shaft are sculptured 200 figures, depicting the early history of the country at the mouth of the Columbia, the Great River of the West.

The city of Astoria has toiled for months in preparation for the Astoria Founders' Celebration in order that it may be in keeping with and worthy of the distinguished company of historians, authors and publicists which will visit the city with the Columbia River Historical Expedition. The personnel of this expedition is expected to be one of the most distinguished companies ever to visit the Pacific coast. It will include French and American students, prize-winners in contests conducted throughout the two countries.

The celebration itself will last two days, culminating in the dedication of the Astoria monument. Other outstanding events of the program include the Spirit of the West Parade, in which will be dramatized many of the brilliant incidents of the pioneer past. Besides the dedication of the great column on the hilltop above the city, there will be the dedication of a war memorial; the dedication of a monument at Fort Clatsop, four miles from Astoria, where the Lewis and Clark expedition spent the winter; and the dedication of a monument at the Lewis and Clark Salt Cairn at Seaside, sole remaining physical relic of the expedition on the Pacific coast.

Astoria stands at the point where the Columbia meets the sea. From the Coxcomb Hill monument unfurls a splendid panorama of river and mountain, forest and sea. Opposite Astoria the Columbia is seven mile wide. The Pacific Ocean shines only 10 miles away. The ships of the world enter at the gateway of the second most productive river basin in the United States to Astoria's port terminals, ranking with the most modern in the world.

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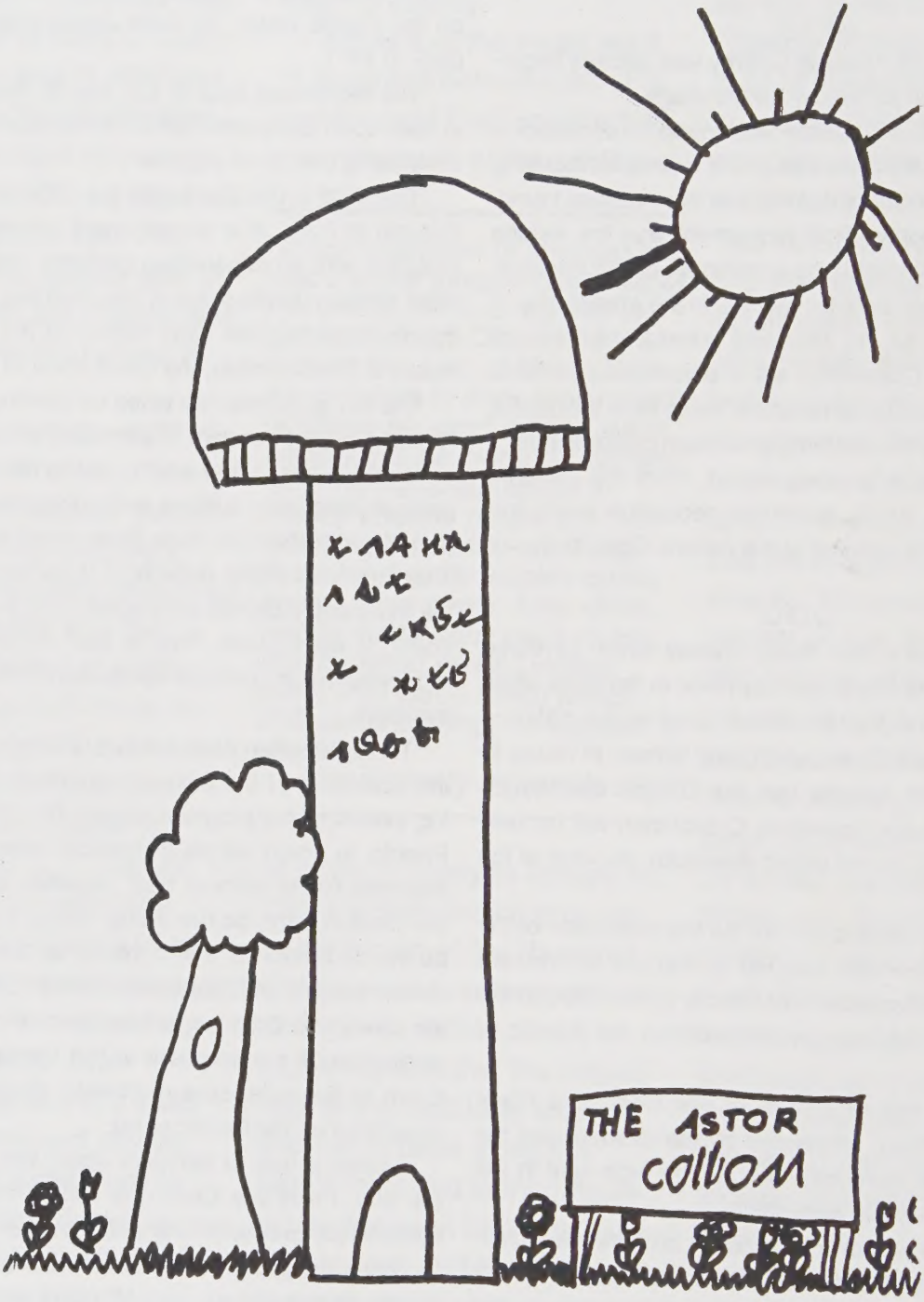

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